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AMERICA TO GIVE UP HER NAVAL BASE IN THE PACIFIC

INDEPENDENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES

WITHIN EIGHT YEARS

MR. STIMSON LOOKS INTO FUTURE IN REMARKABLE LETTER.

DISPLAY OF COWARDICE

Washington, Yesterday.

The House of Representatives to-day passed a Bill providing for the independence of the Philippine Islands within eight years.

MR. STIMSON'S OUTBURST.

Washington, Later.

Farmers are delighted with the passage of the Bill, hoping that it may mean the imposition of tariffs on Philippine products, which are now free of duty.

Mr. Stimson, however, makes the most serious objection, and in a remarkable letter published to-day states that in his opinion should the United States leadership of the Philippines be withdrawn "economic chaos, and political and social anarchy would result to be followed ultimately by the domination of the Philippines by a foreign Power, probably China or Japan."

Mr. Stimson declares that should the United States free the Philippines it would be a demonstration of cowardice and such futility would inevitably impair the United States' moral prestige in the Far East, for the action would appear like the abandonment of a ward which the United States had undertaken to protect. — Reuter's American Service.

THE MANCHURIAN PROBLEM.

Japanese Denials in Note to League.

CUSTOMS UNION REFUTED.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Sino-Japanese dispute is momentarily in suspense as far as the League of Nations is concerned, though the upshot of Shanghai negotiations is awaited with much interest.

A special committee of the League Assembly dealing with the Far East meets on April 11 in order to review the position.

The Japanese delegation in a note to Sir Eric Drummond denied the Chinese allegations that Japanese authorities had taken measures to seize Manchurian Customs revenue or to regulate appointments on the customs staff. These questions in the opinion of the Japanese delegations are within the competence of the Manchurian Government. The note also refutes the rumours of a proposed Customs Union being established by Japan in Manchuria.—Reuter.

THE LEAGUE COMMISSION.

Welcomed by Officials at Hankow.

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Hankow, To-day.

The League of Nations Commission arrived here to-day and was welcomed by local officials.

They are being feted by Chinese and foreign organisations.

THE MANCHURIAN GOVERNMENT.

Financial Aid from Japan Without Interest or Security.

FURTHER LOANS CONTEMPLATED.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

It is understood that a loan of Y.20,000,000 to the Manchusian Government will be undertaken by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha and the Mitsubushi Shoji Kaisha without interest or security.

The loan will be redeemable in five years and, it is presumed, is the outcome of the representations made by the two interests to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of War and the Foreign Minister on April 2 on investments in Manchuria.

It is reported that other leading business houses are considering similar financial assistance of the new regime.

FORTESCUE MURDER TRIAL.

Six Jurors So Far Accept Service.

Honolulu, Yesterday.

The selection of Jury men for the Fortescue Trial may last a week and the trial three weeks.

Six Jurors have hitherto accepted, two Chinese, one Hawaiian, one Japanese and two Americans.

The Judge has ruled that the question as to whether the murdered Hawaiian was guilty or not of rape of Mrs. Massie should not be introduced into the trial.—Reuter's American Service.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH CONFERENCE

SATISFYING DAY'S WORK REPORTED

Cordiality The Keynote To Proceedings

London, Yesterday.

The economic and financial difficulties which face the Danubian States, was the chief subject for discussion at to-day's meeting at No. 10 Downing Street.

Among those present were Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, M. Tardieu, M. Flandin, Sir John Simon, the Rt. Hon. Mr. Neveil Chamberlain, and the Rt. Hon. Mr. Walter Runciman. The meeting lasted from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5 p.m. to-day, states a communique issued from Downing Street.

It adds that "The Anglo-French Ministers are of the opinion that the problems examined are only solvable by general international agreement and with this in view close and cordial collaboration is as essential as that which exists between the Four Powers who will meet on Wednesday.

In view of the impending meeting of the Conference they did not attempt to reach any conclusion, but were convinced that this comparison of views would facilitate the work of the conference.

The British and French Governments share the hope that it may be possible speedily to concert measures, which, while respecting the legitimate thirty interests, will render possible the economic raprochement of the Danubian States and to facilitate the [illegible]ument of conditions calcu[illegible] to restore the equilibrium and stability of this part of Europe."

Premier Interviewed.

The cordiality which existed at to-day's Anglo-French discussions was emphasised by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in an interview with Reuter this evening.

He said that the preliminary exploration had finished and they understood each other perfectly well and were determined in every way to strive to reach an agreement at the Four-Power Conference. They were quite convinced that an agreement comprehending all the interests was possible, and hoped that one of the big results of the Conference would be the establishment of real confidence among the participants, in order that they could single-heartedly and with the best good-will begin together to tackle the problems that must be faced in the course of this Summer.

M. Tardieu, interviewed by Reuter, also dwelt on the cordiality and frankness of the conversations.

Most Promising Method.

It is understood that in view of the success which [illegible] to-day's [illegible] further similar conferences between the other Powers concerned, as this was regarded as the most promising method of handling European entanglements.—Reuter.

Grave Risk of Collapse.

London, Later.

It is understood that no decisions were reached in to-day's Anglo-French Conference, and that the British and French Government are perfectly free to revise their views.

Discussion of Danubian economic co-operation showed no desire to exclude any State for political reasons and it was emphasised that the Four Power Conference should come to an agreement as soon as possible owing to the grave risk of one or other of the Danubian countries collapsing.—Reuter.

Satisfying Day's Work.

Rugby, Yesterday.

After the conversations had concluded the Premier speaking to Press representatives expressed himself well satisfied with the day's work.

He said "The field was covered quite thoroughly. It was not an executive conference of any kind whatever. Discussions were very cordial, but one or two rather important points were involved which required further immediate examination. There was exchange of views on these points which if this preliminary exploration had not taken place might have held up the Conference for perhaps a couple of days. Now it is all finished.

French Premier Leaves.

The French Premier at the conclusion of formal conversations remained in Downing Street to have a personal talk with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald of an extremely friendly nature.

He later paid a visit to Lord Reading.

Before leaving for France by the night boat M. Tardieu, together with M. Flandin and several British Ministers, was the guest at a dinner given by Lord and Lady Londonderry.

It is understood that outside formal conversations which were almost entirely confined to aspects of the Danubian issue, practically every political question of mutual

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INDIAN POLICEMAN FIRED UPON

IN EXECUTION OF DUTY

SERIOUSLY INJURED BY SHOT FROM HIS OWN GUN.

REWARD FOR ASSAILANT'S CAPTURE

While attempting to search a suspected person at Shamshuipo this morning, an Indian Constable, P.C. B.120 was fired upon with a revolver and seriously injured.

The injured man was conscious when found, and while being removed to Hospital made a statement. He said that he saw a man crouching down at the rear of the flower garden where the attack took place. He approached the man with the intention of searching him, and was about to search him when the man grappled with him. During the struggle, the assailant managed to draw the constable's revolver, and apparently the constable was shot with his own gun, which has not yet been found. After the shooting the assailant made off and the constable gave the alarm.

The theory that the shots were fired during the struggle is supported by the fact that the constable's uniform was singed.

A reward of $25 has been offered for the arrest of the Chinese male and the recovery of the revolver.

It appears that P.C. B.120, whose name is Jawala Singh, went on duty from the Shamshuipo Police Station at midnight last night commencing a four-hour duty. At about 3 a.m. he was met by another Police Officer who took his chop. After that it would appear that P.C. B.120 continued his beat in the direction of Boundary Street. About 3.15 a.m. P.C. D.69, a Shantung Constable heard the sound of shots and also a Police whistle. Running in the direction of the sound he found P.C. B.120 lying on a vacant piece of ground about 20 feet from Boundary Street at the rear of the Chan Kung Chung flower garden, just off Laichikok Road. No assailant was in sight. Another Indian, L.S. B361, was also in the vicinity at the time of the attack, but thought that the noise was caused by fire-crackers.

At the Kowloon Hospital, the constable was immediately operated upon, and the bullet which passed through the stomach, piercing the intestines in several places, and had lodged in the spine was extracted, and was found to be of .38 calibre, which is the same type of bullet used in the police revolvers. The second shot which also entered the front of the body, shattered the right thigh bone, and has not yet been extracted.

Where the struggle took place, the Police found two old singlets and a pair of trousers, and a theory has been advanced that they are possibly stolen property and have some connection with the shooting affair. The assailant is described as an unknown Chinese male.

Jawala Singh, who is a native of Moga Province, India, joined the Hong Kong Police Force on September 26, 1930, at the age of 22 years.

SHANGHAI CITIZENS MAKE A MOVE

PAYMENT OF RENTALS

THREATENED TO BE WITHHELD IF THE JAPANESE DO NOT WITHDRAW.

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, To-day.

The futile Chinese efforts to obtain a definite statement relative to the time limit of the Japanese withdrawal has resulted in the rumoured intention of Mr. Quo Tai-chi, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, to resign as the chief Chinese Delegate to the Peace Conference.

Much argument in heated debates on both sides featured the Conference, which adjourned after the usual deadlock had been reached, regarding the major problems, although an official bulletin suggests the possibility of the two sides drawing closer to an agreement.

CLARIFYING THE ISSUES.

The Committee resumes its meeting on Wednesday, and the main Conference on Thursday, the interval being utilised to clarify the issues.

Meetings held by various Chinese public organisations hotly denounced the trend of the negotiations and insisted on the immediate and complete unconditional withdrawal of the Japanese.

A resolution was passed stigmatizing the Chinese Diplomats as traitors and threatening to withhold the payment of rentals until the Japanese withdraw.

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

An important political development occurred during the week-end following the dramatic visit of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, ostensibly for reasons of health, but really to confer with Mr. Sun Fo and other leaders with the view of removing differences and inducing 60 recalcitrant Party Members to attend the coming National Emergency Conference at Loyang.

Wang's efforts are reported to be successful and there is a good prospect of the political split of the past few months being healed.

NANKING POST FOR SUN FO?

(Reuter's Pacific Service.)

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei has been conversing with Mr. Sun Fo in Shanghai and yesterday he returned to Nanking, from where it is reported that Wang is trying to induce Sun Fo to return to Nanking, to fill the posts of Vice-President of the Executive Yuan and Minister of Railways.

NANKING AGAINST MILITIA.

Nanking, To-day.

The Government has issued a stern order prohibiting the organisation of Volunteer Corps and Militia.

The order states that the Government has received many requests from various parts of the country to organise such Forces, in view of Japanese aggression in China, but permission has been refused as otherwise the people would be free to organise Military units, which would enable them to ignore the orders of the Government.

The order points out that three men recently "assumed rank" as Commanders of Militia in Shanghai, and declares that any such organisations must be immediately disbanded.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE EMPIRE

PROFESSOR MORGAN ON A NEW DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. J. H. Morgan, K.C., Professor of Constitutional Law in the University of London, gave the second of three Rhodes Lectures, at University College on "The Dominion Status."

He said that there appeared in the columns of 'The Times" a dispatch from its Correspondent at Melbourne announcing a new constitutional experiment on the part of the Commonwealth Government, an experiment which it was no exaggeration to say that there was the seed in whose successful germination would be discovered the solution of a problem that had vexed every Imperial Conference since the year 1907.

That problem, always pressing, might be said to have become imperative as the result of the destructive ingenuity manifested in those resolutions of the Imperial Conferences of 1929 and 1930 which attempted to raise the "status" of the Dominion Governments by depressing that of Great Britain.

The Solution.

The problem had been stated at every Imperial Conference in succession except the last two—which furtively ignored it—as that of "continuous consultation in all important matters of common Imperial concern.' He borrowed those words from a resolution of the Imperial War Conference of 1917.

And the solution now attempted by the Australian Government was the appointment of one of Australia's most distinguished sons, Mr. Bruce, as "resident Minister" in London.

The appointment represented the maturity of a suggestion put forward again and again in the years before the War by one English statesman after another—in particular, Mr. Asquith and Lord Milner. The appointment meant that, for the first time in our history, a Dominion Cabinet would have direct audience of the King whenever it wished to tender advice to his Majesty.

Its Importance.

The importance of the appointment was not in the least to be found in the fact that Mr. Bruce would also act as High Commissioner. That was quite the least important aspect of the appointment.

A High Commissioner had never been, nor could he be, a member of the Cabinet of the Dominion which he represented, and for that very reason his office, in spite of all its prestige, had never been one of any great constitutional significance, nor had it contained any potentialities of constitutional development.

He had been, and was, a servant—a permanent official—of the Dominion Government which he represented, and as such a merely executive instrument with no initiative of his own, neither claiming, nor possessing, the "confidence" of his Majesty as one of his Ministerial advisers. It was just that confidence which Mr. Bruce would enjoy.

Perhaps his high functions would not stop there. He conceived that in all Imperial matters affecting Australia he would be called into council by the British Cabinet.

Governors-General.

With the "regalization" of his office the Governor-General, however, enhanced his prestige, had lost much, if not all, of its importance. At the present moment there was a lively agitation in South Africa and in the Irish Free State for the abolition of his office altogether, or rather for its submergence in that of the Prime Minister under the title of "President."

If that change came about in those two Dominions (it certainly would not happen in the others), he would cease to be what he now was—namely, his Majesty's representative—and those two Dominions would take on a kind of republican complexion. It was for them to decide, but he doubted if they would gain very much by it.

Of one thing he was quite sure, and that was that those who advocated this change did not realize the almost fatal consequences to their existing system of Cabinet Government which its adoption would involve. They could not have, in any Constitution, a union of the office of head of the State and Prime Minister unless they were going to give the executive the same position as it occupied in the United States.

A Warning.

The position was that the President was directly responsible not to the Legislature but to the electorate—directly appointed by a plebiscite for a term of years and, for the duration of that term, irremovable. That would mean, in South Africa and the Irish Free State, the end of that system of Cabinet Government which up till now had been a common feature of all the Dominions. He doubted if political opinion in those two Dominions had realized that implication.

In view of all the rather topsy-turvy attempts in those two Dominions thus to explore and accentuate all the theoretical possibilities presented by their new status, he ventured to utter a word of friendly warning. He borrowed it from Oliver Cromwell. And it was: "No man goes so far as he who does not know where he is going.

COAL SAMPLING FROM WAGGONS.

Errors of System Under Discussion.

RESULT OF TESTS.

The sampling and analysis of coal was discussed in considerable detail by one of the selections of the World Power Conference held in 1928, and also by the Institute of Fuel in the same year.

In the early part of last year, the British Engineering Standards Association were able to issue a specification covering both processes, and in commenting upon this specification we suggested that the part which most easily laid itself open to criticism was that dealing with the actual collection of the coal samples. It is, therefore, of interest to note that in a paper on "Errors in the Sampling of Coal from Waggons," read by Mr. N. Simpkin before the Institute of Fuel, the author records the result of a number of tests to ascertain the reliability of the recommended methods.

Investigation Method.

For the purposes of the investigation, work was confined to dry slacks typically known as 2½in. 2in. or 1½in. slacks, and the tests were performed with the object of determining whether a representative sample could be obtained from a loaded waggon, either by the method as laid down by the B.E.S.A., or by any other method, and to discover the source of such errors or discrepancies as might arise.

In carrying out the tests, samples were in general taken by two methods. The first consisted in placing a scoop in the stream of end just below the end of the conveyor delivering into the waggon, the scoop being moved across from alternate sides and increments obtained at definite intervals. The second method was to take a sample from a position in the truck one sixth of the distance along a diagonal, and from the bottom of a hole at least 1ft. deep. The latter is the method recommended by the B.E.S.A.

What Tests Reveal.

As a result of preliminary tests, it appeared that samples taken from the tops of waggons did not give satisfactory results in the case of dry slacks, the percentage of ash and the proportion of fines being higher than when the sample was obtained by the conveyor discharge method. In one test, twelve increments were taken from various points on the waggon, and wide variations were found as between the individual samples.

These results were found to apply whether the sampling was carried out at the colliery immediately after filling, or when the waggon had completed a journey. In drawing conclusions from the tests, the author stated that, in the case of dry slacks, waggon sampling by the method given in the B.E.S.A. specification yields results which are incorrect and unreliable, since they would tell against the seller by shewing too high an ash content and too much fines.

He further stated that the only satisfactory method so far found is to sample the fuel by taking increments as the waggons are being filled or emptied. In the latter case, it is particularly necessary that increments should be taken during the whole of the unloading period. The fuel segregates in each waggon, coarse sizes settling at the bottom and sides during loading, the fines tending to be in the middle and on top.

The interesting question was raised as to whether it would be possible to load slack into waggons so that separation of coarse and fines does not occur. The author did not offer any suggestion as to how this might be done.—Engineering.

ROLLS-ROYCE TRIUMPHS IN AERIAL ENGINEERING

STEADY PROGRESS IN 1931.

Review of British Aircraft Industry.

Belgium's new order for Fairey aircraft—the biggest ever placed by a foreign Government with the British aircraft industry—is so closely connected with the activities of 1931 that, though formally confirmed only in the first days of the new year, it falls into true perspective as the chief trade triumph of the preceding twelve months.

The new contract for the supply of more than sixty single-seater and two-seater fighters to the Belgian military air service, all fitted with the Rolls-Royce supercharged "Kestrel" engine, is a triumph without parallel in the history of aviation trade. It comes while the earlier order, secured by the Fairey company 14 months ago, is still in process of fulfilment; every merchant will realise at once the degree of confidence in and satisfaction with the British machines which that fact implies.

Though the new Belgian order will not affect the 1931 export figures, the British aircraft industry yet did sufficiently well during the year, reckoning on the basis of figures at present available, to maintain in spite of the financial crisis the national lead in export of aircraft material. For the third successive year, Britain headed the aircraft exporting nations of the world, the best of all tributes to the superiority of the national products. And the outlook for 1932 is bright. The admitted lead established three or four years ago, and consolidated in 1931, in the production of all classes of military and many categories of civil aircraft is expected to bear even heavier fruit than in previous years. Suspension of the gold standard, and the subsequent drop below parity of the pound sterling, have made the prices of British material still more competitive.

Technical Progress.

British technical progress in aviation during 1931 attained its highest point in the permanent acquisition of the Schneider international seaplane trophy and the setting of new world speed records which seem likely to remain far beyond the capacities of any foreign challenger for some time to come. Stainforth's record of 407.5 miles an hour exceeded Orlebar's achievement in 1929 by almost exactly 50 miles an hour; it indicated a standard of efficiency in aircraft and engine design and construction that has not yet been reached abroad. Apart from the valuable data gained in six months of intensive preparation for the Schneider Trophy contest, the British speed successes set the hallmark of a quality on British constructional methods. It cannot too often be emphasised that the record-breaking aeroplanes were built according to the system governing the construction of every British aircraft and aero engine. No "special" methods were introduced for the occasion, no extra care marked the rigorous inspection and trial to which every part of the structure was submitted. From first to last the job was done in accordance with standard British practice.

No Serious Challenge.

New land and sea-going war machines emerged from the factories during the year, which saw, incidentally, no serious challenge abroad to the superiority of British military aircraft and power units. On the civil side, four-engined landplanes and flying boats which are the largest flying machines of the kind yet placed in commission were added to the fleet of Imperial Airways. British light aeroplanes were credited with more important long distance flights than in any earlier year. Among them Squadron Leader Hinkler's great flight from New York to London by way of the South Atlantic Ocean, the record dash from England to Cape Town in 5½ days accomplished by Mr. Gordon Store and Miss Peggy Sulaman, Mr. Chichester's astonishing feats of aerial navigation in the South Pacific and Mr. Butler's record flight to Australia in a small single-seater monoplane, call for especial mention.

The Royal Air Force routine exercises, including the annual African cruises, long distance flying boat journeys in Europe and Africa and the mimic air "war" designed to test the air defences of London, went through with the smooth efficiency and clockwork precision expected of them—which is at once a tribute to the high skill of the British service pilot and the trustworthiness of his flying equipment.

Rustless Steel.

Important progress was made in metal construction, with especial attention to the employment of rustless steels and the metal covering of aeroplane wings. Machine design revealed the increased importance attached to aerodynamical efficiency and good streamline; an excellent example of the clean and shapely aeroplanes now being built by the British industry for civil use is the new Avro mailplane, a high-speed forerunner of a new class of extremely swift British commercial craft. Here is undoubtedly to be perceived the influence of years of study of high speed flying.

British engine progress has marched with and greatly assisted aircraft development. Most important, perhaps, was the production of superchargers which are more efficient than those produced anywhere in the world. Work proceeded on several unorthodox types of power unit, notably compression-ignition engines burning heavy oil instead of volatile spirit, and complete success in several of these lines of experiment and research is in sight. Problems associated with the adoption of evaporative, or steam, cooling in the place of water-cooling were overcome and there is a likelihood of the newer system being standardised for service use before long.

The smaller components of aeroplane equipment and manufacture, right down to bolts and nuts and so forth, were improved in many respects during the year. Ways and means were found to diminish the weight and at the same time to increase the strength and efficiency of some of the smallest units employed in aircraft construction. New types of navigational instruments and improved devices for securing control at speeds near the "stalling" point made their appearances.

The building of aircraft material shows no signs of becoming a static activity. More is learned almost daily. Problems that seemed insuperable a few years ago melt away before the steady, purposeful attack of the research worker and inventor. The beginning of 1932 finds the British industry considerably more advanced on the difficult road to perfection than it was 12 months ago, and this year will assuredly see progress at least equal to the achievements of 1931.

ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

MAIL REVIEWERS.

"SUNSHINE SUSIE."

A George Robey sketch offers a splendid prelude to an excellent evening's entertainment at the King's Theatre where the British picture, "Sunshine Susie" is drawing big crowds.

I hope that no one will think that this film, because it is a British production, is of the same high standard as the Walls-Lynn pictures we have been accustomed to of late, because it is not in the same street. Attempting in no way to criticise an entertaining production, I feel that the public should know what to expect. It drags most terribly in parts, but other brighter periods tend to counteract the dull moments. The music is of the simple British type and quite easily memorised. Renate Muller gives a bright display of undoubted talent, and her voice will win her many admirers. Jack Hulbert and Owen Nares, though given all too little scope for their versatility, provided many an interesting scene, notably the one in the Beer Garden where Bank Director and Bank Porter seal eternal friendship with a kiss whilst smiling Susie looks on. A film which should be seen.

—X. Y. Z.

"THE SECRET SIX."

There is much to be said in favour of gangster warfare as the theme of a talking picture, but to appreciate it thoroughly one must see "The Secret Six now showing at the Queen's Theatre. There have been many pictures with the same theme as "The Secret Six" but none have conveyed the grim story of the graft and corruption of a great American city, as this does.

Wallace Beery is the outstanding member of the cast, in the role of the sinister Scorpio, but the supporting cast is excellent and includes such well-known players as Lewis Stone, John Mack Brown, Jean Harlow, Marjorie Rambeau, Clarke Gable, John Miljan and many others.

The story is powerful, dealing with the rise of a notorious gangster to become the virtual ruler of a city, electing his own Mayor. A dramatic climax is formed by the fall of the mighty gang leader, when he is overthrown by the forces of law and order.

This is truly a great picture and should not be missed.

—J.E.W.

OFFICIAL SOURCES.

"SIN TAKES A HOLIDAY."

A picture with a "laugh-clown-laugh" twist, with a surprising matrimonial denouement and universal sex appeal, Constance Bennett's new Pathe star production, "Sin Takes a Holiday," which is showing at the Central Theatre today, is a fascinating, dazzling comedy that will delight every lover of the best the dialogue screen affords. It is a story in which drama and humour are splendidly blended. It was admirably directed by Paul Stein.

The heroine is a simple, plain and rather dowdish secretary of a lawyer—the prototype of many women in the modern business world, who, given the opportunity, develop into women of allure and fascination. This girl suddenly finds two of the most sought-after men in American Society vying for her favours. One of this men is her husband, who had married her merely as a protection and convenience. He had, on the day of his marriage, sent her abroad alone, so that he would be free to continue his philandering—he could use her when his flirtations might take a serious turn.

The highlight of the story comes when he finds that the wife he took on for protection and convenience ceases to be a convenience, and becomes the one real heart-break in his life, for when he meets her again upon her return from Europe, changed from the ugly duckling into the beautiful swan, he learns that she intends to divorce him to marry a friend who, unlike him, had the foresight to look beyond the surface.

"SUNSHINE SUSIE."

Under its original title of "The Private Secretary" this gay and sparkling musical comedy film enjoyed a tremendous continental vogue, helped largely by the personality of the lovely Renate Muller, one of the brightest and most accomplished of the stars of the German stage.

"Sunshine Susie" which is now showing at the King' Theatre has all the melodious airiness of musical comedy romances conceived after the Viennese manner. It is gay. It is tuneful. (Paul Abraham, of "Vicotia and the Hussar" fame is responsible for the music). It has an engaging, clear-cut story which fairly ripples with comedy, and melodies that everybody will soon be humming or whistling. Above all it is "different."

The theme song, if it can be so described — "To-day I Feel So Happy"—is one of Miss Muller's musical hits. It has enchanted Germany as it is certain to enchant music loving Hong Kong. Another, "Just Because I Lost My Heart to You" is just as certain to be popular. With such distinct favourites in the cast as Owen Nares, Jack Hulbert, who is seen in a riotously-funny role, and Morris Harvey, "Sunshine Susie," a Gainsborough Picture directed by Victor Saville, has all the ingredients that go to the making of a really popular success.

"THE SECRET SIX."

When film audiences see a gun fired on the screen, it's just a flash to them. Few realize the long process by which the shooting is made possible, especially as in the case of "The Secret Six," in which a real bullet is used to shatter a window.

In this instance, Wallace Beery had to fire the gun. First a backing of metal was placed out of camera range to stop the bullet. Then two property men carefully examined the gun, sent for two loaded shells, signed for them and made a report for the insurance files.

Beery in the meantime had practised on a rifle range to make sure of his marksmanship. A report by witnesses was also noted of this.

After the shooting the empty shells were sent back to the property department with a report of the operations. These precautions are taken in studios to avoid danger of accidents.

"The Secret Six" is showing today at the Queen's Theatre with a cast which includes Lewis Stone, John Mack Brown, Jean Harlow and Marjorie Rambeau.

"THE SANTA FE TRAIL."

King Tut, mongrel pup representing an initial investment of thirty cents, and now valued by his owner, E. G. Henry, "ex-gardener", at fifty thousand dollars, had the first big canine part in talking pictures.

His barking talents are utilized anew in "The Santa Fe Trail," recorded with dialogue by Paramount from Hal G. Evart's novel, "Spanish Acres," and to be shown next Thursday at the King's Theatre.

King Tut carried an important part in George Bancroft's second talking picture, "Thunderbolt," causing Bancroft's capture and execution.

King Tut has turned sheep dog for his part in a "western," portraying the role of Shag, the pet of Richard Arlen, star of the production. With Arlen, Eugene Pallette, and Junior Durkin, Tut is in charge of a herd of 3,500 sheep.

Since his birth six years ago, King Tut worked with almost every star in motion pictures. Among his important parts was one with Harold Lloyd in "Speedy."

Rosita Moreno, former vaudeville and musical comedy star, appears opposite Arlen. The cast also includes Hooper Atchley, Lee Shumway, Luis Alberni and Chief Yowlache.

Otto Brower and Edwin H. Knopf, co-directors of "The Light of Western Stars" and "The Border Legion," co-directed the picture from an adaptation by San Mintz and dialogue by Edward E. Paramore, Jr.

POST OFFICE SIMPLIFIED.

Brighter Clerks and Methods.

Simpler Post Office forms and brighter counter clerks and telegraph operators may be expected as the result of investigations carcarried out by the National Institute of Industrial Psychology and described in the annual report, published on February 25.

"The largest problem," states the report, "was that of eliminating avoidable correspondence caused by misunderstanding of the various documents, forms, and pamphlets issued by the Department. As a result, the National Savings Certificate and its counterparts were redesigned by the Institute, and numerous forms, pamphlets, and parts of the Post Office rules redrafted to avoid ambiguity; doubt, and confusion in the mind of the reader.

"The new designs have received full official sanction, and the redrafting on the lines suggested by the Institute is about to be undertaken.

Other improvements recommended by the Institute include more accurate methods of sorting, filing, and indexing, better training of operatives and the reorganisation of certain sections."

Voice and Speech.

New lighting and decoration schemes have been planned, and improvements in equipment and seating devised. The improvement of working conditions in branch post offices is also suggested.

For the Central Telegraph Office methods have been systematised to assess qualities of voice and speech, and such temperamental qualities as alertness and resistance to boredom. The selection and training of counter clerks has also been taken in hand.

Industrial investigations, ranging from gas works to chocolate factories, have produced a number of notable results. Output in a brewery has been increased by over 30 per cent. and breakages of bottles costing £2,500 a year, greatly reduced.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, and Peninsula Hotels and King's Restaurant.

Entertainments.

To-day — King's Theatre: "Sunshine Susie."

To-day — Queen's Theatre: "The Secret Six."

To-day — Central Theatre: "Sin Takes A Holiday".

To-day — Majestic Theatre "Only Saps Work."

To-day — Star Theatre: "Way for a Sailor."

Home Mails.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez (Ranpura); Outward for America and Europe via Siberia (Tatsuta Maru), 8.30 p.m.

Meetings.

April 6—Gande, Price & Co., Ltd., 2, Ice House Street (St. George's Bldg.), noon.

April 6—Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, Cathedral Hall Office, 5.30 p.m.

April 13—China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Limited, extraordinary meeting, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, noon.

THE EX-PRESIDENT IRIGOYEN.

Preparations for Trial in Buenos Aires.

It is reported that the former President, Dr. Irigoyen, has been transferred to an Argentine battleship for conveyance to Buenos Aires, where he will reside in order to comply with the legal requirements for the trial he is to stand on various charges. The date of his disembarkation is not yet known, as he may remain on board pending arrangements for his residence.

After the Argentine revolution in September, 1930, Dr. Irigoyen was kept in custody on board a warship in the River Plate. He appealed for permission to reside abroad on account of his advanced age and the state of his health, but in the following November he was transferred to the Naval Depot on Martin Garcia Island.

ELASTIC BACKBONE.

Dancer To Be X-rayed In Cause Of Science.

Possibly for the first time a woman dancer's back, that of Babette, who is now appearing in the Leeds Theatre Royal Pantomime, is to be X-rayed in the interests of science.

Dr. A. J. E. Cave, lecturer in anatomy at Leeds Medical School, recently saw Babette perform. Her "elastic" backbone, which she can almost tie into a knot, so impressed him that he expressed a wish to have an X-ray photograph taken to illustrate the extremes of movement possible in the spine.

The photographs are to be taken at the Leeds Medical School.

Dr. Cave is lecturing on the human neck before the Royal College of Surgeons in London, and may use the X-ray photographs of Babette's backbone in this lecture.

WIFE'S BODY IN GREENHOUSE.

Husband Guilty But Insane.

George Henry Tandy (48), a steel forger, of Sheffield, was found guilty at Leeds Assizes of murdering his wife Alice. The jury found that Tandy was insane at the time, and the Judge ordered that he should be detained during the King's pleasure.

The evidence revealed that the dead woman was of drunken habits and quarrelsome and caused great unhappiness in the home. On December 1, when Tandy prepared his children's breakfast, he told them their mother had gone away. Later he told his three older sons that they had seen the last of their mother. Two of them fetched the police, whom Tandy took to the greenhouse. Pointing to the floor he said, "She is there, about four feet down." The body was then recovered.

WATER RETURN.

All Reservoirs But One Below Level.

The level and storage of water in the reservoirs on March 1, 1932, were as under:—

City and Hill District.

	1931	1932
Tytam	24'11"B	15' 8"B
Tytam Byewash	28' 2"B	24'11"B
Tytam Intermediate	36' 3"B	37' 8"B
Tytam Tuk	32' 1"B	33' 8"B
Wong Nei Chung	24' 6"B	21' 7"B
Pokfulum	21' 0"B	19' 4"B
Aberdeen Upper	—	27' 5"B
Aberdeen Lower	—	—

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow."]

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1931	1932
Tytam	205.31	265.04
Tytam Byewash	—	.73
Tytam Intermediate	49.47	46.10
Tytam Tuk	754.58	727.68
Wong Nei Chung	6.93	8.81
Pokfulum	22.50	25.66
Aberdeen Upper	—	66.20
Aberdeen Lower	—	—
Total	1,038.79	1,140.22

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February, 1932.

	1931	1932
Consumption	201.34	238.09*
Estimated population	456,620	382,250
Consumption per head per day	15.9	21.5

*Includes 1.56 million gallons from Mainland.

February, 1931.—From February 1 to 28 a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Rider Main Districts excepting 3 days (15th-17th) inclusive when a Full Supply was given on account of Chinese New Year.

February, 1932.—From February 1 to 29 a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Rider Main Districts excepting 3 days (4th-6th) inclusive when a Full Supply was given on account of Chinese New Year.

Kowloon.

	1931	1932
Kowloon Main	14' 0"B	14' 4"B
Kowloon Byewash	—	50' 4"B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	5' 7"B	11' 1"B
Shing Mun Reception	11' 8"B	L.

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1931	1932
Kowloon Main	222.60	219.96
Kowloon Byewash	9.40	38.33
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	94.50	75.32
Shing Mun Reception	6.22	33.15
Total	332.72	366.76

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February, 1932.

	1931	1932
Consumption	117.54	131.47
Estimated population	179,140	296,500
Consumption per head per day	23.4	15.8

The reports of the Government Bacteriologist and Analyst show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall recorded by Royal Observatory from January 1 to February 28, 1931, .87; from January 1 to February 29, 1932, 2.535.

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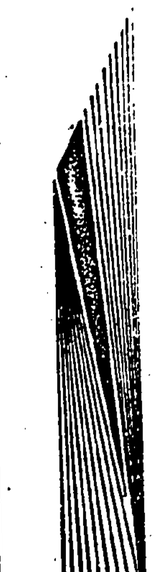

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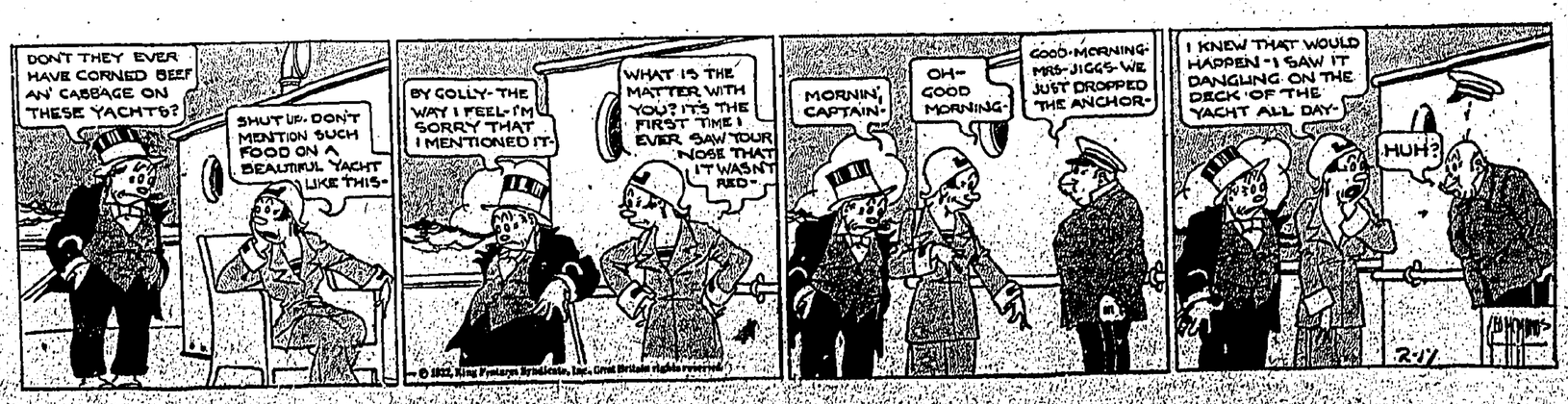

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AMERICA AND THE DAVIS CUP.

Tilden Doubts Whether She Can Do It.

"EXTREMELY REMOTE."

America's chances of lifting the Davis Cup appear "extremely remote" to Big Bill Tilden world professional tennis title-holder.

"If they were playing on this side I think we would have a chance," he said, "but I doubt very much we will reach the challenge round against France. I would not be surprised to see England win the cup.

"Understand," he continued, 'I'm not attempting to take anything away from Ellsworth Vines. He's a most promising player, undoubtedly one of the best amateurs in the world. But I just can't believe he and the ones they select to play with him will be able to win the Davis Cup under the conditions they must face.

"In the first place, Vines will be handicapped by the clay courts in France. Secondly, he cannot expect to be as effective with the soft ball they use over there. He's the type of player, like myself, who depends upon a powerful drive to pull him out of the tight places. When he lays on one with our ball it usually passes his opponent in a cloud of dust, but he'll find it coming right back at him over there."

Tilden pointed out that Vines still is very young for Davis Cup competition.

"He's only 20. As I said, he possesses a great game, but it still is a little crude. He has much to learn about court tactics. The tennis fans who expect lads like Vines and Shields and Wood to go over and win the Davis Cup forget something. They remember that Bill Johnston and I brought it back the first time we tried, but they forget that Johnston at that time was 26 years old, and I was 25. Another thing, we first went over right after the war when Europe's tennis was at a low ebb. Their best players either had been busy fighting or had had little practice. We had it easy.

"But now it's different.

"England has Perry and Austin, and France has Cochet and Borotra."

ENGLISH XI FOR CANADA?

Fifty Senior Clubs In Ontario.

MORE CRICKET TESTS.

Cricket authorities in Canada are trying to persuade the M.C.C. to send a cricket team to the Dominion in the near future.

In the event of headquarters being unable to comply with the request, it has been suggested that supporters of international tours, such as Sir Julian Cahn or Mr. H. D. Swan might find it possible to get together a representative touring side.

Cricket, Rugby and Soccer football, and Badminton are developing rapidly in Canada. In Ontario alone there are about fifty senior cricket clubs, and many more junior teams are being organised.

LO'S INEXPLICABLE LAPSE.

Literally Throws the Game Away.

RUMJAHN'S LUCK.

M. W. Lo and S. A. Rumjahn, both of whom have been champions during the past five years, were engaged in a very mediocre semi-final game on the H.K.C.C. courts yesterday.

Commencing in a most uncertain manner Rumjahn, who is tipped in some quarters as this year's champion, found himself in probably the toughest corner he has ever been in during the past year, when at the end of the eighth game in the third set he was only on level terms with Lo after having lost the first two sets. But he won through to take the next two games thanks to Lo's lack of enterprise and glaringly poor tactics. The large crowd which had gathered were thus compelled to watch another set of the same hum drum nature as the three previous ones, with no prospect of a definte result being reached. That Rumjahn captured the fourth set was only to be expected and the replay will take place tomorrow at 4.15 p.m. when it is to be hoped that the five set match will be concluded. 135 minutes should be long enough.

Why Lo lost the glorious opportunity presented to him will remain a mystery in the minds of all who saw the match. His opponent was distinctly off colour, and he had little opposition in annexing the first two sets. After this, however, he wasted valuable time and energy in making a complete change, and it was then a foregone conclusion that if Rumjahn could snatch the third set he would have earned the right for a replay. That is what happened and fortune certainly smiled on Rumjahn.

Had Lo gone right on after the second set and proceeded to serve up the tennis he displayed in the last few games of the match, he would be sitting back now awaiting his opponent for the final instead of experiencing the anxieties of another semi-final game against a player, who now knows what to expect. It was indeed a very poor exhibition of tennis and both players will need to introduce new tactics into their play if either is to gain the title.

Full results of yesterday's play in the Championships were as follow:

Open Singles.

(Semi-final).

S. A. Rumjahn v. M. W. Lo left unfinished with the scores of 4—6, 3—6, 6—4 6—2.

Club Championship.

L. Goldman beat F. A. Redmond 6—3, 6—2.

Handicap Singles "A".

H. Foley beat K. Valentine 6—2, 6—1.

S. E. Green beat A. C. I. Bowker 6—3, 6—4.

Handicap Singles "B."

Jensen beat G. Puncheon 3—6, 8—6, 7—5.

Lampard beat Gordon 6—4, 6—3.

Handicap Doubles.

Humphreeys and Blaker beat T. J. and E. R. Price 6—2, 4—6, 6—2.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Open Singles.

(Semi-final).

E. C. Fincher v. T. Honda (Stand Court 4,30 p.m.)

Open Doubles.

M. W. and M. K. Lo v. Segalen and Walsham.

Club Championship.

G. W. A. Tufton v. A. L. Sullivan.

Handicap Singles "A."

A. H Harkins v. W. M. Barton.

Handicap Singles "B."

C. Clarabut v. C. Clarke.

Handicap Doubles.

Foley and Montgomery v. Lecky and Waite.

Hyde and Turner v. Bowker and Gordon.

PICTURESQUE GOLF IN JAPAN.

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INVASION OF EUROPE.

Colour may be lent to this year's open golf championship at Prince's by the presence of Rakuzo Asami, Kokichi Yasida, Tomekichi Miyamoto, the three leading golf professionals of Japan.

Remember these names (if you can). They may one day be as famous as that of Bobby Jones. Already the three men have made a very favourable impression in California, where they have been playing in the winter tournaments.

For Japan has taken to golf, and, like everything she takes up, she is doing it thoroughly and with Prussian-like efficiency. The Emperor, who plays daily on his private course, has set the pace, and the rest of the nation is following his example with enthusiasm.

Golf in Japan is a picturesque but expensive game. The courses are first-class. No expense has been spared on their construction. One millionaire enthusiast has spent over £200,000 on his two courses near Into. To play golf in Tokyo costs approximately £500 a year.

All Japanese holes have names, "Tiny Throne." "Down Town," "Home Sick," Niblick Esq.," are typical examples of the fantasy of Oriental imagination. Another picturesque touch is provided by the red caps and kimonos of the Imperial caddies.

Only at the nineteenth hole is there a concession to Western civilisation. There every known stimulant of England and America is provided for the thirsty golfer.

BRADMAN CHOOSES ENGLAND SIDE.

Thinks Jardine Will Be Captain.

TURNBULL A PROBABLE.

Don Bradman, writing in the Sydney Sun of England's prospects of regaining the "Ashes," anticipates that D. R. Jardine will captain the side.

He quotes Jardine's 140 against New South Wales at Sydney as the most perfect he ever saw; believes Hobbs is a certainty for the tour, and regards Frank Woolley as still the world's best left-hander.

K. S. Duleepsinhji, Hammond, and Sutcliffe he thinks should also make the tour, and regards M. J. Turnbull as a probable, and Bakewell, H. Parks, and Cook as possibles.

FAMOUS GUY'S MILKCHURN.

May Reach Hospital's Rugby Final.

OLD DAYS RECALLED.

Guy's having disposed of their old rivals, Bart's, in the Hospital's Rugby Cup, appear to be sure of reaching the final. If they do we shall see once more their famous milkchurn, that symbol of defiance which has for years appeared at the finals in which Guy's have taken part.

The churn has an interesting history. It was first seen at Richmond on March 12, 1908, when Guy's and London met in the final.

In a first-class compartment of a train from Waterloo to Richmond were eighteen Guy's men, who, in the words of a writer in the Hospital Gazette, had "the lust of battle in their souls and third-class tickets in their pockets."

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COURT SEES GOLDMAKER AT WORK

MINUTE SPECKS EXTRACTED AT SECOND ATTEMPT.

The Polish alchemist, John de Hadbank Dunikowski, who is on trial at Paris for fraud, sought publicly to prove that he has solved the problem of the transmutation of metals and that he can produce gold from ordinary metallic salts.

Around him were masses of glittering fittings and glass tubes glowing with fluorescent gases as, in the Central Engineering College, he nimbly manipulated his apparatus and applied terrific heat to the little crucible containing auriferous ore which, he claims, he can turn into pure gold.

The black robes of the barristers and professors surrounding him, with their ermine tippets and tasselled black hats, have changed very little since the fourteenth century, when Nicolas Flamel, the great alchemist, in a little house in a neighbouring street, bent over his charcoal furnace and crude earthenware crucible and, according to popular tradition, produced sufficient gold to establish for himself an enormous fortune.

White Beach Suit.

Dunikowski, attired in a white beach suit, was driven to he Engineering School from his cell at the Sante Prison.

His wife and two little girls were waiting to greet him, and he kissed them affectionately before he entered the laboratory, the windows of which had been screened by black paper to prevent people in the house across the road from watching the proceedings.

Everyone looked on intently as the experiment began. The only sound was the whirring of a slow-motion camera whose lens followed every motion of the alchemist's hands and registered every tiny detail of the operation.

Maitre Torres and Maitre Pimienta, Dunikowski's counsel, were standing somewhat apart when the alchemist beckoned to them and said that he wished to give a few brief explanations.

Fire of Questions.

His offer called forth a fire of questions from the experts and the examining Magistrate. The scene soon assumed the unprecedented aspect of a court of law sitting in a brightly lighted laboratory, with the alchemist-witness carefully weighing his words and occasionally appealing to his lawyer for advice as to whether he ought to answer such and such a question.

The experiments were marked by a series of accidents. First of all Dunikowski had difficulty in synchronising his apparatus.

He managed, after two hours' work, to get it in order and proceeded with his demonstration with about 50 grammes of auriferous ore. He crushed this in a mortar, treated it with hydrochloric acid, and all was ready for the "Z" rays to be turned.

Tube Bursts.

Then the second accident occurred. The high tension current was turned on and Dunikowski bent intently over his mystery box.

Suddenly, there was a brilliant flash as one of the "Z" tubes burst, burning the alchemist about the face just below the eye.

The injury, however, was not serious and he agreed to carry on again soon as he could get his apparatus in order.

"If you cannot arrange it again to-night," said M. Ordonneau, the examining Magistrate, "will you give the expert details of your apparatus?"

"Certainly," replied the alchemist, "with the sole exception of the 'Z' tubes, which are the essence of my secret. I am further willing to prepare for the use of the experts tubes containing the radio-active matter which I use."

Gold Extracted.

"My calculations," he said, "show that by my method the cost of the production of 1lb. of gold works out at from £9 to £18. My 'Z' rays upset all modern scientific conceptions and open up a new road to science."

Professors Dunikoski used a mineral ore from California in a later experiment. The electric current was turned on and a powder similar in appearance to ivory was obtained.

This was carefully examined under the microscope and minute specks of gold were stated to be visible.

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The brandy produced under his care was sent to London, Berlin, Amsterdam and Paris. Analysts reported favourably on the product, except in the case of a French Government institution which politely intimated that it did not care to undertake the analysis.

None of the brandy is exported until it is three years old.

A VOICE BEHIND HER.

As She Listened in to an Edgar Wallace Play.

A tailor's wife in Moravska Ostrava, Czecho-Slovakia, was listening to a broadcast performance of Edgar Wallace's "The Ringer."

She was holding her breath at a tense moment during the play when "Put 'em up," said a gruff voice behind her.

The tailor's wife swung round in her chair too terrified even to cry out, and found herself looking into the muzzle of a revolver.

Three burglars had silently entered her flat.

"Sit still and listen to the wireless," growled the man with the revolver.

Then they ransacked the flat and stole jewellery worth £200.

FILM STAR SEEKS DIVORCE.

After Separation For Eight Years.

Hollywood, March 3.

Aileen Pringle, the film artiste, announces that she is about to sue for divorce, probably through the Mexican Courts, from Mr. Charles Pringle, a son of the late Sir John Pringle. It is stated that they have been separated for eight years.

During the war she was living in the West End of London with her husband, where she did much entertaining for wounded soldiers. She returned to the United States and went on the stage.

After appearing in "The Green Goddess," when that drama was presented in New York, Mrs. Pringle was chosen by Elinor Glyn to play the lead in the film version of the novel "Three Weeks," and has since played star parts in American pictures. These include "Adam and Evil," "Tea for Three," "Soul Mates," "Night Parade," and "Putting on the Ritz."—British United Press.

SHEPHERD DIES WITH FLOCK.

Sheep and Guardian Frozen to Death.

A Bedouin shepherd and his entire flock of 400 sheep were frozen to death near Rutba wells, in Irak, during the Arctic spell which has been experienced in that region.

Many Bedouin, encouraged by abundant rains, moved their flocks from the more sheltered valleys in search of new pastures, and they have now lost large numbers of their sheep and goats in the unprecedented cold.

EGYPTIAN SWEEP TICKETS.

Irish Experts Invited To Cairo.

Cairo, March 2.

Two "experts" are to be invited to Egypt from Ireland to advise the Government on the matter of sweepstakes organisation, it is understood.

The purpose of the proposed Egyptian sweep is to raise $1,000,000 for the building of a new Government Hospital here, for which at present there are no funds.

NEW BARITONE HERE.

Mr. Thomas Lowe to Give Song Recital.

ON APRIL 14.

We take pleasure in announcing to the music lovers of Hong Kong that a new Baritone, Mr. Thomas Lowe, will make his debut in a Song Recital at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, April 14, at 5.30 p.m.

Gifted with a dramatic voice of great beauty and mellowness Mr. Lowe is presenting a programme versatile enough to please each individual taste, including Operatic Arias, Schubert Lieder, Standard English Songs, and songs of lighter vein, and we feel sure that music lovers will look forward to listening to this new comer who, we hope, will soon be a great favourite.

He will be accompanied at the piano by Miss M. Gomes, and supported in a Trio by Mrs. Balean, Mrs. Arnold, and Miss Balean. Mrs. Balean will also play violin solos, accompanied by Miss L. Pecker. The complete programme will be published soon.

AUTHOR ACQUITTED OF FRAUD CHARGE.

Lord Clanmorris And A Film Company.

A French author—Jacques Louis Repo Corpel, aged 42, of Clapham—was found not guilty at the Old Bailey on February 16, of a charge of forging and uttering cheques of £40 and £25, and he was discharged.

It was stated that Lord Clanmorris was Chairman and joint-managing Director, with Corpel, of British Cinematograph Training Studios, Ltd. Some money was owing by the company to Corpel, and Lord Clanmorris said that he found his name on two cheques which had been cashed.

Lord Clanmorris told Mr. St. John Hutchinson (defending) that the object of the company was to discover and train English film talent.

Mr. Hutchinson: You knew absolutely nothing about the business?—I was very interested in the cinema.

But except for going to see Charlie Chaplin or your favourite film star, you knew nothing about the training of film stars—No.

I do not put it offensively, but you came in really for your name?—Often, still, lords have a financial value.—I was interested in the scheme and agreed to come in.

Corpel merely got salary due to him?—That is so, but it was the manner of his getting it that was objected to.

The jury stopped the case.

Dicharging Corpel, the Recorder (Sir E. Wild, K. C.) said: "You have only yourself to blame that you have got into the dock, but there is no dishonesty in your mind, and, being a foreigner, you probably did not understand how wrong your action was."

PSITTACOSIS.

Another Outbreak In Germany.

Cologne, March 9.

The mysterious disease known as psittacosis, communicated by parrots, which created a scare in Germany and other countries a few years ago, appears to have broken out again.

An engineer named Feldmann and his wife, who owned several parakeets, have died here as the result of an illness, the symptoms of which resembled those of influenza, but suspicion was aroused by the fact that two parakeets had suddenly died a few days previously. The four surviving birds were then killed and their bodies sent to the Robert Koch Bacteriological Institute of Berlin for an autopsy. The experts of the Institute state, however, that the psittacosis bacillus has been found in the four dead birds.

Police enquiries have shown that a number of parrots in possession of a Cologne birdseller have recently succumbed to the disease, and it is believed that the centre of the epidemic has thereby been discovered.

TWO MORE MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

Woman's Ankles Hurt in Kowloon.

UNLICENSED DRIVER ABSCONDS.

Two more motor accidents were brought to the notice of the Police yesterday.

A woman, Cheng Yin (54), of 136, Ki Lung Street, was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from fractures to both ankles, as the result of being struck by a motor lorry at the junction of Ki Lung Street and Boundary Street, she was engaged in breaking stones at the time.

The driver of the lorry, who was unlicensed, is alleged to have absconded after the accident.

A collision between a public car and a motor lorry occurred on the Castle Peak Road near the Laichikok Prison married quarters. The car overturned and, Lok Yan-cheung (18), a student residing at 666, Canton Road, who was a passenger, was thrown out and injured. He was sent to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

KING ALFONSO'S £100,000.

Fortune Affected By Exchange.

THE CROWN JEWELS.

"The annual income of King Alfonso at the present time is most probably between £7,000 and £8,000." This was the opinion expressed by one in close touch with the affairs of the Spanish Royal family to a representative of The Daily Telegraph who was inquiring into current guesses as to the fortune of the Royal exile.

This authority dismissed as fantastic any suggestion that King Alfonso is a millionaire. "He is far from being even a dollar millionaire," it was remarked.

"I should imagine," added this authority, "that the whole investments of the King—largely in Great Britain and Switzerland—reach about £100,000. Like many other people, King Alfonso has lost heavily by recent currency changes."

Contradictory stories have been published recently about the jewels of the Spanish Royal family. A large number of them are supposed to be in safety vaults in Paris. It was suggested to the inquirer that the value of these jewels may be about £60,000. "But jewels," it was added, "are really of small value in the economic conditions of the moment."

With regard to the Crown jewels, it was pointed out that there is considerable dispute as to which of these treasures are public property and which belong historically or by inheritance or purchase to King Alfonso.

The Republic retains some of these Crown jewels. Others, which were on exhibition in Rome and in Paris at the time of the Revolution, are said to be still abroad.

HE PAWNED HIS LEG.

For Cash And A Pair Of Clutches.

"What's that leg doing here?" asked Detective Harry Hirsch, pointing to an artificial limb he noticed in a pawnshop in Kansas City.

"Well, how did he manage to get on it," replied the pawnbroker.

"Well, how did he manage to get out of the shop again?" asked the curious detective.

"I gave him a pair of crutches," answered the resourceful pawnbroker.

LOTTERY TO PAY DOLES.

French Commission Has A Bright Idea.

The unemployed in France—where there is no scheme of unemployment insurance—may be helped by a national lottery.

A commission of the Chamber has expressed approval of the project in principle.

It is now believed that the lottery will be proceeded with probably by the Italian of the lotteries conducted by the Italian and Spanish Governments.

The profits from the lottery would presumably form a fund for the unemployed, whose numbers are gradually mounting.

AN EPIDEMIC OF BURGLARIES.

Sergeant's Statement During A Case.

SIX MONTHS' FOR ACCUSED.

What was regarded as a bad case of burglary came before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning, when Detective-Sergeant D. C. W. Fitches charged an unemployed Chinese with the theft of money and jewellery to the total value of nearly $200 from 6, Fat Hing Street.

It was stated by Sergeant Fitches that defendant gained entrance to the premises by forcing iron bars apart, and inserting his hand to lift the bolt inside the door. He added that there was an epidemic of burglaries in that area.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed.

NATURE CHANGED BY GIN.

Prohibition in America.

A "BEER" PLAN.

How bootleg gin has changed the character of the American girl has just been described by witnesses before the "Beer" Committee of the United States Senate.

"The American girl at one time would slap a man's face for offering her a drink of liquor, to-day she will do the same thing if you don't have one," said Mr. Samuel Dickstein, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

He protested that "there is more liquor in the colleges than in the workshops," and contended that Prohibition "could not be enforced by the whole Army."

Mary T. Norton, a woman member of the House of Representatives, urged upon the Committee the approval of 4 per cent. beer as a means of stopping "this frightful gin drinking" by the nation's youth.

The other side of the matter was put by Dr. J. M. Doran, Commissioner of Industrial Alcohol, in an address to the Anti-Saloon League Convention at Washington.

"There can be no question of our ability to maintain the present law," he asserted, contending that the United States has more complete control of the manufacture, denaturation, and use of alcohol than any other nation.

Deaths caused by drinking denaturated alcohol, the doctor added, have practically ceased, and so-called "poison liquor" is no longer a public menace.

U.S. PRESIDENT "SLIMS".

Now Feeling Very Fit.

Not for years has President Hoover been so physically fit as he is to-day, says the New York Times.

He is a vastly different Mr. Hoover from the man who entered the White House in 1929, when he weighed more than 210 lb. and favoured double-breasted suits, which, worn button-up, are considered to make a man appear more slim than he actually is.

The transformation is the result of physical exercising and a regulated diet. President Hoover to-day tips the scales at about 183 lb., or 27 lb. less than he weighed when he entered the White House.

Now he can and does wear the single-button sack suit. His complexion is better. True, his hair is greyer than when he became President, but that is not due to physical reasons.

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OUTWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5.

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Bangkok	Hydra 2 ..... 3.30 p.m.
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THURSDAY, APRIL 7.

Straits	Van Heustz ..... 10.30 a.m.
Amoy and Takao via Swatow	Deli Maru ..... 10.30 a.m.
*Japan, *Canada and *U.S.A.	Tyndareus ..... 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydranges ..... 3 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	Empress of Canada (Due Vancouver, B.C., April 28 and *Europe via Siberia.) Parcels ..... Apr. 7, 5 p.m. Registration .. Apr. 8, 9.15 a.m. Letters ..... 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Yang ..... 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Corfu (Due Marseilles, May 6.)
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The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, April 5, 1932.

Automobilarious.

At the past meeting of the local Automobile Association about the only grievance ventilated was the want of convenient and sufficient parking areas. Two suggestions came before the meeting, neither of which awoke a notable amount of enthusiasm. The first, that we should take our Baby Austins and burrow under the North side of the Murray Parade Ground fell flat because it would not greatly augment the area at present available. The second, that the Government would go back on themselves and allow cars to park again on Bedder Street, or at least on the West side of it, seemed not without appeal; and on that here and now we join issue with the local speed fraternity.

When the local authorities barred the parking of motors in this, the very centre of the city's congested activities, they displayed an amount of common-sense, a consideration for the comfort and for the health of the general public, and a very admirable good taste and care for the amenities of the City worthy of all commendation. To throw bouquets is not our habit of an afternoon, but on an occasion such as this we don't mind spending twenty cents in Flower Street.

A friend of ours, one of these lads with a restless mind and, for Hong-Kong, an abnormal sense of the aesthetic, thought and suggested that the Government might even bring Flower Street to the centre of Pedder Street. He did not mean that the flower, merchants should be allowed to stray in disorderly, if gorgeous, profusion all over and beyond the confines of the area properly available, a rabble of demi-semi nudists pestering the passers-by. He intended the Government floral experts to seize the opportunity so obviously presented, and erect up the middle of the street a row of well-constructed and artistically-designed Kiosks wherein the flower-wallahs, clothed and in such minds as they possess, might in order and decency disclose and sell their wares. It seemed a bright thought, and would have set Hong-Kong some way on the path to be called the City Beautiful. But like so many bright thoughts it fell on stony ground.

Now don't think that we are not sympathetic to the motorist, and see the need for greater parking areas in or near the business centre of the town.

If it is inadvisable to burrow, why not soar. Why not have a car park building of many storeys. Most American cities and some British have had them for years. You simply run your car on to the platform of a hoist, get a numbered ticket for which you pay a small fee, and go about your day's work, secure in the knowledge that your car is safe for the time from thieves and the weather. Your day's work done you return and present your ticket, and within a minute of time at the most there's your car. The hoisting, storing and arranging of the cars, often of many hundreds in the one building, is done by electrical machinery, and the labour costs of the outfit are infinitesimal. And the building pays its way, and deals with our old friend the long felt want. Some day when the Government has money to invest we recommend a parking building for their kind consideration.

Failing in the effort to move the Government for further parking facilities there is another matter to which we think that the Automobile Association might well devote their attention. We refer to the education of that gentleman known in the home of picturesque phraseology as the "Jay Walker." To see the Jay Walker in all his glory one must come to Hong-Kong. The air of unconscious and lordly superiority with which he (and she) barges into the hurrying traffic is an abiding, if aggravating, wonder. At his best he is solus, merely an erratic and meandering entity. At his worse he is travelling a hawker's emporium, or a perambulating bundle of sixteen-foot iron bars. And he is always there, millions of him,—and then the Police want to put down hooting. If we were a motorist in Hong-Kong (which God forbid!) we would not want a harmless hooter on our Rolls-Minor. We would want a gong going all the time as on a Fire Engine, and a cow-catcher in front to deal with the *remains like that on the prairie* locomotives. The trouble is of course with the Law, which gives to all travellers equal rights on the King's Highway. Till it can be amended to inform the pedestrian that the only right he has regarding the centre of a busy street is the right to be killed driving in crowded Eastern cities will always be a nightmare.

While we disclaim all intention of dictating to, informing, or educating anybody, we don't mind at times culling flowers for the benifit of our friends, such as the Automobile Association, from the garden of our experience. We can remember the early days of motoring in Great Britain when the authorities were getting worried by the increase in the number of road fatalities. And we can remember the atrocious posters with which some County Councils tried to educate the public. "Mr. Facing-both Ways" getting safely across a motor crowded street, and "Mr. Absent-Mind" squashed beneath the wheels of a motor truck, with gore of the reddest all over the Picture. Something in that line might be done at the Railway Station and at the wharfs.

Any how an Automobile Association is a very necessary society in this congested Colony, but they must have more members, and especially more Chinese car owners, if they are to work effectively. And if they don't do good work, it isn't for want of scope.

Good Eats.

The last report of the Hong-Kong and Shanghai Hotels Company, Limited makes good reading. If this Colony does not absorb a large share of the world's lime-light, it still seems able at times to find men with the brains, energy, and initiative to build up great business concerns, and business concerns with interests extending far beyond the bounds of this island. With a capital of Fifteen Million Dollars the Hotel Company definitely takes its place, after "The Bank" and The Union Insurance, among the Big Three of our local companies.

As a humble student of gastronomy in Hong-Kong our experience runs back into the dark ages, when the Hong-Kong Hotel was hopeless, and the only place to get a decent meal was the little old hostelry in Pottinger Street, with its two storey fronts both to Queen's Road and what was then the Praya, now Des Voeux Road, yclept the Old Victoria, and managed by the late William Farmer of pleasant memory. The New Victoria, even with its door to Ice-House Street, never seemed to catch on; and for years it was a common gag that you could get a better meal on any ship in the harbour than you could ashore in Hong-Kong.

But with the arrival on the scene of Mr. J. H. Taggart a change came o'er the spirit of our epicurean dream. With the opening of the Hong-Kong Hotel Grill Room we began to appreciate what high-class food, properly served, really meant. There we renewed our acquaintance with the best of British cookery; there we became friendly with American "Good Eats" we had previously only known through the columns of the Saturday Evening Post. Keeping off French cookery (which is not everybody's fodder) we aver that not in London, not in New York, not in San Francisco, which cities we take to be in the fore-front of Anglo-American gastronomy, could a meal of equal quality and variety be obtained for the same money as was served in the Old Grill of happy memory in its early days. Of course the favourable exchange had something to do with it, but maskee the cause, the fact remains. And we did not have to yell ourselves hoarse taking in opposition to a jazz band, nor tangle our unwilling feet in a fox trot neither. We went there to eat, we eat, and we came away knowing we had eaten.

Wide as the scope of the Hotel Company's activities are we suggest that there are yet other fields to conquer. To the South of us there is a place called Singapore where in the matter of nourishment the natives are still in the dark ages of the eighteen-eighties. Their sustenance, we learn, is confined to *gula-malacca* and pink gin slings, and their partiality for their one and only gargle may be judged by the fact that they have distinguished it by the name of their beloved island. It seems to us unkind to leave these sophisticated islanders to their one pudding and their solitary—if succulent—drink, when there is here a Company with the necessary capital and managerial ability to convert them to the usual dietary of civilised peoples. Of course the day for such missionary effort is not yet; but when the financial clouds that now rest on Raffle's Square roll away it would seem an obvious and a kind thing to do.

If a well-fed community means a happy community then there are worse places than Hong-Kong; and in the managing-director of the H. K. & S. Hotels Company the community has one of its benefactors. And if it were possible for anyone under the rank of Royalty, or a Governor, or a Banker to enter the select and permanent society of Statue Square we know of none more worthy than Mr. J. H. Taggart.

HAPPINESS!-----

WHAT IS IT TO YOU?

Money May Talk But It Cannot Purchase Happiness.

[By Collette.]

If happiness means a state of perfect contentment arising from fortunate conditions of life, no worries, and a path easy to tread, then I want none of it. Life is not made up of the sweets of existence alone, and living is useless if we do not experience every form of self-expression.

A life that is devoid of accidents is like food without salt or savour. It reminds me of those American tinned foods that are so repellent to a fastidious palate. I have eaten of these delicacies and I do not want them.

As for the paradise that we are told to look forward to in our next existence, the thought of it gives me shudders down the back. Heavens! think of all those harps.

Alternating Feelings.

What we want of existence is a sequence of alternating feelings. We must accept the good things of life as the child does, and we can only do this if these good things are occasional interludes in the Play of Life.

A banquet is only pleasing when it is of rare occurrence. We all love novelty, and a constant state of happiness is not that. In one of Maeterlinck's books one of his heroines, on being asked if she is happy, answers: "Yes, of course, I am happy, but I am sad."

If we were immortal, probably the tired feeling that comes over us when we have had more than sufficiency of good things—praise or caresses or good food or amusement—would never overcome us; but I personally would dread this everlasting felicity more than anything else.

Why, we get bored listening to even the wittiest conversationalist after a certain time!

First Feeling.

No, happiness as I conceive of it is like a fast moving film whose themes are constantly changing and graduating from laughter to tears. As we are made of flesh and blood so we must taste of every experience to which that flesh and blood are subject.

Capacity of feeling, then, is the first condition of happiness, that is to say capacity to love and hate, to feel pleasure and pain and to be capable of the highest and the lowest.

Money in itself will never bring happiness. To be appreciated it must be the result of one's own hard work. I have never run after money because I was brought up to spend every penny I had. Possibly it might be better if I had laid some by for the future, but happiness is of to-day not of to-morrow.

Good Health.

That is a lesson many careful and provident people would do well to learn. Then there would not be so many rich old men in the world who have never really enjoyed one day of real happiness in their lives.

On the other hand, good health is a necessity. There is nothing that I would hate to lose more than this. For losing one's health means a slowing down of activity, and we can never be active enough in life.

Another element of happiness is the capacity of making something presentable of the debris of a shattered hope or love. Instead of bewailing misfortune let us pick up the bits and stick them together again. It is wonderful how much we can do if we refuse to be beaten.

Writing is certainly not happiness, for unlike other misfortunes it never leaves you. It is a yoke lightly assumed from which you can never free yourself, writes Collette, the French novelist, in the Ceylon Observer.

There is a great difference between writing for writing's sake and writing to earn your living. Writing for writing's sake is undoubtedly pleasant, but it can only be fitful at best; the mind is not always attuned to it. True rest is only gained through laziness of mind or when thought is unfettered by time. So the writer who writes without thought of gain will never be prolific.

A Vain Hope.

Writing to earn one's livelihood is very different, and even inspiration is shorn of most of its attraction when you realise that your copy has to reach the publisher by a certain date. I would give anything not to write for my living, but it is a vain hope for I spend every penny that I earn and make no provision for the morrow.

A good digestion is another essential to happiness, but the question always arises sooner or later as to whether it is worth having. A good digestion invariably leads to a bad figure, especially in France where the temptation to indulge in good things is exceptionally strong.

An Art.

I have always had the misfortune to possess a sound digestion, and so have long given up trying to have a figure.

Above all, to be happy means to be natural. All the poseurs of life are playing at happiness. Be yourself, give way to every feeling. Be angry, passionate, tender or even spiteful at will.

Restraint of any sort is the very antithesis of happiness. That is why people break away so often from established law or convention. Happiness is an art that is often ignored or overlooked, and many of us have so forgotten how to acquire it that we seek it in the most extraordinary places. All the freak movements, like the Nudists or Back-to-Nature advocates, are the expression of this craving.

People seem to forget that it is a purely personal matter and very easy to obtain if you set about it in the right way. I am happy because I accept life as it comes and adapt myself to it harmoniously.

News in Brief.

The concert in aid of the St. Peter's Church Funds, will be held this evening at the Helena May Institute, Garden Road, instead of at St. John's Cathedral Hall, as originally arranged. The programme starts at 9 p.m. sharp.

The plucky resistance offered by a Chinese woman in Nelson Street, Mongkok, yesterday was responsible for the frustration of a robbery. In her report to the Police the victim, Wong Yung, a widow, said that she was attacked by two ruffians who threw her to the ground and attempted to rob her. She raised an alarm and the men made their escape without stealing anything. The woman stated that she suffered abrasions which were received during the struggle.

Personal Pars.

Mrs. Kathleen M. Chapelle is arriving in Hong Kong to-morrow by the s.s. Ranpura from Home. Mrs. Chapelle is well known in the South of England Musical Festivals and has had many successes with her choirs and pupils at these gatherings during the past eight years. She hopes to settle down in the Colony, and start a practice here.

News reached the Colony yesterday of the death in Scotland on February 28, of Mr. James Simpson, for many years in the service of the Taikoo Dock, who retired in 1927. He was 54 years of age. He is survived by his wife and four daughters, one of whom is Mrs. C. E. Terry, who is in Hong Kong. The sympathy of many friends will be extended to the bereaved family.

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KEEN COMPETITION

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga presided at the tenth ordinary yearly meeting of the above Company which was held in the Board Room of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., Ltd., St. George's Building, at noon to-day.

The statement of accounts showed a credit balance of $105,111.84 and a net profit of $99,858.58, a result which, the Chairman said, was attained from a combination of fortunate circumstances, principal among which was the abnormal building activity throughout the year. Reference was also made to the Company's Garden Suburb scheme, and the fact that although competition had intensified during the year, the Company have retained clients.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman said:—

It is gratifying to the Board to be able to put before you a statement of accounts for 1931 showing a credit balance brought forward from Working Account of $105,111,84, after charging Depreciation of $10,433. Adding Interest earned and Transfer Fees received and allowing for Managing Directors' salary, Directors' and Auditors' fees, we arrive at a net profit for the year of $99,858.58. This result was attained from a combination of fortunate circumstances, principal among which was the abnormal building activity throughout the year.

D.P.W's Report.

I need only quote an extract from the report of the Public Works Department for 1930 to show how fortunate the Company has been to find conditions as favourable as they were for successful operation during 1931. The report of the Hon. the Director of Public Works stated that "great activity in all classes of building works continue throughout the year under review. Construction of Chinese tenement houses proceeded apace on the Praya East Reclamation, no fewer than 248 houses being completed up to date, with an even greater number in course of construction."

Great as was the activity displayed to the end of 1930, it suffered no diminution in the course of the twelve months under review. There was practically no cessation in the erection of Chinese tenement houses in the particular district referred to and we were favoured by our valued constituents and Chinese friends with contracts that kept our equipments fully employed from beginning to end of the year. I wish it were possible for your Directors to report a continuance of this activity. This optimism, however, is denied us; for there are not wanting signs of saturation point for the time being at any rate. On the other hand, your Board will be ever alive to opportunities that may present themselves for profitable undertakings for which your Company is especially equipped.

Competition Intensified.

When addressing you last year, I made reference to the keen competition your Company has had to contend with. That competition has, if anything, been intensified. Certain owners give preference to wood piles because of their lower prices. Whether similar value is obtained from wood piles to that given by cement concrete piles is a question on which, I think, there can exist no two varying views. More and more have our esteemed clients, the Chinese owners, who have had experience of comparative values, realised the worth of our system of piling.

In one locality, in particular, it is no exaggeration to state that the "Franki" system has been adopted to an extent of over 75 per cent. of the foundations of buildings on which the superstructure has been built. In this connection it may interest shareholders to have read to them an extract from a technical magazine published in England. That magazine is known as "Concrete" and is considered the best of its kind in the profession. The extract, to which attention may be usefully drawn, emphasizes the fact that:—

"Piles driven for the Admiralty in Hong Kong, where the soil is very poor, carried a load of 100 tons with a settlement of only 1·32 inch, although their length was only 23 feet. After removal of the load the pile returned to its original position. Under one warehouse there are 177 piles carrying 70 tons each, and it is remarkable that their lengths are only 15 feet to 18 feet, although borings to a depth of 75 feet failed to show the existence of any reliable bottom."

The Garden Suburb.

You will, no doubt, wish for some comments on the Balance Sheet. The most salient feature on the Assets side is a new item appearing as "K. I. L. 2657 Development—Cost to date, $261,591.28." This is a large plot of land containing some 30 acres situated at the junction of Argyle Street and Waterloo Road at Kowloon. It was acquired, as you all know, at public auction for the sum of $326,000. The land was purchased in agreement with the Mission Etrangeres; the Corporation has paid its proportion of the purchase price. The work of forming and levelling the site, including the portion which the French Mission owns, will be carried out by the Company.

To enable your Company to proceed with this enterprise which has large possibilities for the future of the Company, authority was obtained from the shareholders to increase the Capital of the Company from $200,000 to $1,000,000, the amount of new capital being $800,000, of which the first instalment of $100,000 has been called up. The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G., very kindly accepted your Company's invitation to perform the ceremony of turning the first sod in connection with your promising scheme. The ceremony took place on January 16.

Economical Plan.

The General Lay-out Plan is one that offers the most economical and, as your Directors hope, the most profitable development of the site to the benefit of shareholders. Already work has been commenced in connection with the quarrying of the stones within the area, and as soon as the plans are finally passed by the authorities tenders will be called for levelling and forming the area. As doubts may exist as to the formation levels which it may be desirable to secure to the best and most lucrative advantage, I would like to state, on behalf of your Board, that there is no intention of cutting down the whole area to road level. The formation level will average about 100 feet above O.D. and will approximate the level of that of the Kowloon Hospital on the east side of Waterloo Road. The highest building lots will be at an elevation of 115 feet, or nearly that of the Diocesan Boys' School to the west of your site.

Your Directors are convinced that the development of Kowloon and its growing popularity as a residential area with the middle classes of the community are factors that cannot fail to contribute to the enhancement of the great value of this unique property when finally developed and built upon.

Value of Investments.

Excluding Cash with Bankers standing at $84,071.54 the next largest item appearing among your Assets is the value of the Company's investments. These investments were acquired at a cost of $62,364.45, the market value of which on December 31 last was $75,750, or a difference of $13,385.55. As this profit is not a realised one it has not been brought into account for last year.

Present indications are that, if the necessity arose for selling your investments it might be done at a profit approximating 20 per cent. of their cost.

I do not think that you wish me to detail each item of depreciation of the plant and machinery comprising our Assets. The figures appearing in the Balance Sheet testify to the provision of very liberal allowance for writing off in pursuance of a policy with which, the Board thinks, no fault can be found.

The Cash Position.

The Company's cash position will, I hope, be considered satisfactory, inasmuch as, apart from the value of investments I have just mentioned, there was a credit balance at Current Account with your Bankers on December 31 of $84,071.54. These amounts are available, it should be noted, after the entire cost of K. I. L. 2657 had been paid to Government within three days of the sale and purchase of the property, as stipulated in the Conditions of Sale.

It will be noted on the Liability side that the 4,500 unallotted "Old" shares of the Company were disposed of in the course of last year at a profit of $44,165, thus bringing the fully paid shares to the total of 100,000 shares. This share premium has not been credited to Profit and Loss Account. It is worthy of note that the $44,165, together with the proceeds ($6,096.96) of sale of plant written off the books last year, making a total of $50,296.96, have been passed to General Reserve, which is now represented by the substantial sum of $72,593.46.

Of the "New" shares, 329,684 were allotted and the first instalment of 25 cents on each share duly paid. 56,476 shares of the "New" Issue which shareholders outside the Far East were entitled to, were applied for and allotted in due course. There remain 13,840 shares of the New Issue for which no application has yet been received from shareholders.

The Dividend.

Before leaving the subject of the New Shares, it is permissible to lay stress on the fact that the dividend which it is recommended to pay to shareholders will be paid also on the New Shares, the money obtained from which is earmarked for the purchase and development of K. I. L. 2657. This land and building scheme has not yet had time to earn any revenue and yet a part of the capital subscribed therefor by shareholders will, subject to your approval of the prosposed appropriations, participate in the profits of last year's trading.

The Directorate.

In the course of the year Mr. J. T. Bagram resigned from the Board and Mr. Lo Cheung-shiu, who had acted as alternate director for Sir Robert Ho Tung during the latter's absence from the Colony from March 18 to September 30, 1931, was invited to join the Board in his own right. Mr. Lo Cheung-shiu's appointment requires your confirmation.

Before formally proposing the division of profits decided upon by the Board, an explanation is called for. Subject to your approval, 20 per cent. will be paid in respect of 95,500 "Old" shares for the whole of the year 1931, and on 4,500 as from date of allotment, viz., August 25, 1931. The dividend for these latter shares will amount to 14 cents per share. As to the New Issue shares, dividend has been calculated to the nearest fraction of a cent, viz., 1¼ cents for each of the New Issue shares as from date of allotment, viz., October 1, 1931. The "New" shares applied for by shareholders residing outside the Far East will rank for dividend as from January 1 of this year.

I am sorry if I have detained you unduly long; but so many and so varied have been the subjects to be dealt with in the review of the Company's activities for the past year that your Board feel it is their duty to present to shareholders as complete a survey of the Company's operations as their importance deserves. At the same time if shareholders feel that any further information should be supplemented on points that have not been sufficiently brought to their notice, it will afford me much pleasure to add such information if questions are asked after the Resolutions I propose moving has been seconded.

I now formally move that the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1931 be adopted as presented and that the Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account of $128,650.13 be dealt with as follows:—

In paying a Dividend of 20 per cent. viz., 40 cents per share on the "Old" shares, absorbing	$38,830.00
In paying a Dividend of 20 per cent., viz., 1¼ cents per share on the "New" shares, absorbing	4,121.05
Leaving a balance of .. to be carried forward to next year.	85,699.08
	$128,650.13

Seconder's Remarks.

Mr. K. Stuart-Smith, in seconding, said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—Before formally seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, I think I shall be voicing the views of a number of shareholders if I express ready approval of the cautious policy which has been applied to the appropriation of the funds at our disposal.

I doubt there can be anything but satisfaction with the amount of the dividend distribution, and shareholders will doubtless notice that, despite the measured pessimism which has been applied to existing prospects, and the consequent ample appropriations to reserve and carry forward, the Board have yet considered a substantial increase in dividend to be justified.

Meanwhile I think it only due to the Board to offer them our congratulations on the successful results they now place before us.

I have now the pleasure to second the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Other Business.

On the proposal of Mr. F. L. Silva, seconded by Mr. A. A. Botelho, the appointment of Mr. Lo Cheung-shiu as a Director was confirmed by the meeting.

The re-election of Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Elly Kadoorie as Directors was proposed by Mr. Noel Braga and seconded by Mr. Chan Man-kai, and carried unanimously.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected Auditors on the proposal of Mr. M. H. Lo, seconded by Mr. A. H. Basto.

The meeting terminated with the announcement that dividend warrants would be ready for issue in the afternoon.

Attendance.

Supporting the Chairman were the following Directors: Messrs. J. Scott-Harston, and Lo Cheung-shiu; Mr. A. R. F. Raven (General Works Manager); and Mr. B. Alves (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. H. J. M. de Figueiredo, A. H. Basto, M. H. Lo, Chan Man-kai, A. A. Botelho, J. V. Braga, Noel Braga, F. L. Silva, C. P. Marques, J. M. da Silva, Joseph Gould, K. Stuart-Smith; A. M. Braga, J. M. J. Alves, A. C. Greaves, Chan Kam-moon, Choy Wing-hay.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states:

A more lively interest was manifested in the market at the morning session, especially in the lower-priced section, the rates for which recorded a slight advance.—

Sales.

Hong Kong Banks, $1,490/1,500
H.K. & W. Docks, $22/22½.
H.K. Realties, $10.90.
Constructions (new), $1.90.

Buyers.

Hong Kong Banks, $1,495.
Benguets, $12¼.
Raubs, $36½.
H.K. & K. Wharves, $141.
Docks, $22.
Providents (old), $4.70.
Providents (new), $2¼.
Hotels, $13¼ Cum. Rights.
Hotels Rights, $2½.
Hong Kong Lands, $77.
Chinese Estates, $95.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.65.
Hong Kong Trams, $21.10.
H.K. Electrics, $72½.
Cements (combined), $18.10.
Watsons, $15¾ Cum. Rights.
Watsons, Right, $3½.
Amusements, $21.
United Theatres, Tls. 5.
Constructions (new), $1.85.
Govt. Loans, 3½ per cent. Prem.

Sellers.

Malabon Sugars, $21.
Hong Kong Ropes, $17.
S.C. Enterprises, $10.
Govt. Loans, 4½ per cent. Prem.

OTTAWA IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

India Accepts Invitation for Delegation.

REPRESENTATIVES NAMED.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Government of India have accepted an invitation to send a Delegation to the Ottawa Imperial Economic Conference next July.

They have been informed that the Conference will discuss the policy of trade agreements between the different countries of the Empire, and they have been invited in particular to consider whether, having regard to the new British tariff policy, Great Britain and India should enter a tariff agreement embodying a reciprocal preferential regime designed to benefit the trade of both.

Personnel of Delegation.

Sir A. Chatterjee, former High Commissioner for India, will lead the Indian Delegation and the other members will be Mr. Shanmu Khan Chetty, Deputy President of the Legislative Assembly, Sir Padamji Ginwala, President of the Indian Tariff Board, Mr. H. A. Haroon, prominent Karachi Merchant, Mr. Sahibzada Abdul Samad Khan, Chief Minister of Rampur State, and Sir George Rainy, retiring Member for Commerce in the Viceroy's Council.—British Wireless Service.

THE VILLAGE ROAD MURDER.

Mr. Lindsell Wins His Discussion.

BAIL REFUSED.

Pursuing their investigation in connection with the murder of Fung Hin, alias George Fung, at Village Road on the night of March 24, the Police, it is understood, have now rounded up four persons, alleged to have some connection with the crime. They are now in custody pending further enquiries.

One of these men, Cheng Kwok-yan, alias Cheng Wan, aged 20 and described as of independent means, who was arrested yesterday, was brought before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning. The charge against him was "an accessory before the fact."

Mr. R. E. Lindsell, (Public Prosecutor), appeared for the Crown, together with Chief Detective-Inspector A. N. Reynolds, who is in charge of the investigations.

Mr. G. K. Hall-Brutton, appearing on behalf of the accused, stated that the plea was one of not guilty.

On behalf of the Crown, Mr. Lindsell asked for a week's formal remand, without bail.

Mr. Hall-Brutton remarked that as framed the charge practically amounted to conspiracy, and on that the accused was entitled to bail.

His Worship—What amount do you suggest?

Mr. Hall-Brutton—That is up to the Crown to say. I would suggest $20,000 or $30,000.

Mr. Lindsell strongly opposed bail, remarking that within a week, there was the likelihood of the charge, which he admitted was vague at present, being amended. He added that the punishment for being an accessory before the fact was capital.

After further deliberation, his Worship remanded the accused in jail for a week, refusing bail.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that Mr. Hall-Brutton always had his remedy in applying for a writ of habeas corpus.

FUNERAL.

Gustavo Gregorio Silva.

The funeral of Gustavo Gregorio Silva, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Silva, whose death was reported in yesterday's *China Mail*, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley last evening, and was largely attended.

The many floral tributes included the following from members of the family:

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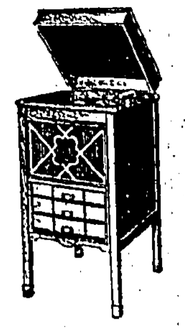

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Eve, from Peshawar.

A. L. Giles, passenger, s.s. Rajputana, from Manila.

Yicido Lye, care of Gilman, from Singapore.

Walter Rudolph, Cecil Hotel, from Manila.

Seggrass, from Manila.

C. C. CLARKE,
Manager.
Hong Kong, March 31, 1932.

The following unclaimed telegram is lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—

Silverlead, from Kobe.

F. V. JENSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, March 30, 1932.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

R.A.O.B. CLUB.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the R.A.O.B. CLUB will be held in the Club-Room, on WEDNESDAY, April 13th, commencing at 6 p.m.

Agenda for the meeting is posted in the Club-Room.

W. RICHARDSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, April 5th, 1932.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received Instructions to sell by Public Auction

ON

FRIDAY, the 8th April, 1932
commencing at 5.15 p.m.
at their Sales Room,
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A Fine Collection of
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comprising:—

Mint British Colonies, Triangular Cape of Good Hope, China, Rare Hong Kong, Macao, Straits Settlements, Tasmania, etc., etc.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

On View from Thursday the 7th, April, 1932.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 5th April, 1932.

SPORTS NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 9th April, 1932, commencing at 1.45 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 1.15 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $5.00 for Gentlemen and $3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Boy in advance. Telephone 21920.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is $2.00 including tax, for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted Half Price.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, &c., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 4th April, 1932.

COASTWISE
by
"ALGIE" BENNETT.

An interesting book of Cartoons depicting "Happenings" on the China Coast

PRICE $1.00.

Now on sale at
BREWERS
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The Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd.
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WOMEN ARE NOT INACCURATE.

A Psychologist's Views.

"SUBLIMITY OF TRUTH."

There is a fairly general belief that women have no respect for "the sublimity of truth," but according to a psychological expert, the aptitude for accuracy and the inborn appreciation of direct, as opposed to fantastic, thinking are not common in either sex.

It is true, he says, that the typical pathological liars are mostly women, and it is also a fact that there are more male than female idiots. But this does not prove that the majority of women are innately deceitful, nor that the mass of men are mentally defective from birth.

In these matters of alleged or positive disabilities in the two sexes we all tend to inaccurate surmise. We are wont to blame Nature instead of Nurture.

Abundant Evidence.

There is no valid testimony that women are born with an incapacity for accurate thought, but there is abundant evidence that miseducation fosters a protective deceptiveness from infancy. Truth-telling has always been very much harder for women than for men.

Very few women dare utter the absolute truth concerning their profoundest and most constant emotions. The process of dissimulation and evasion begins in the nursery and is continued in the school.

Candour, frankness and sheer veracity are not the qualities that men most admire in women. That women possess the faculty of precision is proved by the inquiries of Mr. Sidney Webb (Lord Passfield) and other investigators concerning female employment.

One of the big life assurance companies stated some years ago that women clerks excel in routine work. They are "rather better" than men, and they work more rapidly. Post Office authorities have asserted that the women clerks are more careful with money and better stock-keepers than men. The Postmaster of a large provincial office says that women telegraphists are as "intelligent and "accurate" as the men clerks in the same department.

Man's Equal.

In Russia, Sophie Kovalevsky is the acknowledged equal of the most renowned mathematicians. There is no doubt whatever that the concrete mind of a woman, given fair education and opportunity equals that of men in exact science. Professor Hickman and Professor Ramsay have testified that in mathematics women students are in every respect the equal of men.

The potentiality of precision is not the sole possession of men. It is all a question of equality of training and opportunity.

CONFESSIONS IN A TRANCE.

Murders Solved by Hypnotism.

EXPERT'S PLAN.

Murders solved by hypnotism! This is the remarkable suggestion for dealing with the ever-growing list of unsolved crimes put forward by a well-known hypnotist.

He is Mr. Alex. Erskine, a successful practitioner of hypnotism for many years, whose services have frequently been made use of by known people.

He makes the extraordinary claim that of the 50 or more unsolved murders which exist in Britain today, in which the police are satisfied that they know the murderers but are unable to prosecute because of some missing link in the chain of evidence—not one, if guilty, could have escaped the gallows if scientific hypnosis had been employed as a means of detection.

Mr. Erskine discloss that at the time of the Crippen case he went down to Scotland Yard and offered to solve the mystery for the police if they would take him, together with a person he could put into a hypnotic trance, into the presence of Crippen.

Offered His Services.

He was taken before Sir Edward Henry, the then Commissioner of Police.

"Let me be brought face to face with Crippen and take with me a patient whom I may put to sleep there, and I will tell you whether or not Crippen committed the crime, and, if he did, every detail of motive and action," he told the Commissioner.

Sir Henry expressed his interest, and Mr. Erskine, in an effort to get permission for his experiment, put a patient to sleep there and then in Scotland Yard, and told him to read Sir Henry's thoughts.

"He thinks you're off your head," was the instant reply.

Sir Henry burst out laughing. "He's right," he said. "But tell me what I am thinking about now?"

Five minutes later the Commissioner was a firm believer. But it made no difference.

"Had we been in Egypt," he told Mr. Erskine, "I would have done it. They use hypnotism there, I am told, though I have never seen it done. But here it is impossible."

Unusual Methods.

Mr. Erskine, who discloses this remarkable episode in his book "A Hypnotist's Case Book" (Rider, 5s. net), which has just been published, admits that it would obviously be impracticable to hypnotise a suspected man.

"The person to be hypnotised would not be the suspect, but any subject who could be easily sent into a deep trance" he says. "The person hypnotised could then read the mind of the suspected person without any possibility of mistake, and the results of that reading would be communicated to the authorities.

"In other words, the crime could be reconstructed, not in the theories of the police, but on the story of the man who committed it—the story, not indeed told by him in his own words, but as it remained pictured in his mind.

Mr. Erskine adds that it would be impossible for the suspected man, while the test was being made, to think any lie with any hope of success.

Among the many well-known people, who went to Mr. Erskine for treatment was the late Mr. Arnold Bennett, the famous novelist.

Mr. Bennett had three contracts running at once and was finding it impossible to continue to work at the necessary pressure.

The treatment did so much good that he came back 30 times.

WARRANTY.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills comprise the prescription of an eminent medical man, graduate of Edinburgh University, who used the formula with marked success in his own practice in cases where the essential need was the rehabilitation of the blood.

Old Before His Time!

Worn out with the struggle to provide a life of greater happiness for his children than even he had himself! There are thousands like him, men of middle-age who are prevented from enjoying the fruits of a lifetime's labour by ill-health, prematurely aged by the depletion of their nervous energy. Such men need a course of the famous blood-building, nerve strengthening tonic

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Because this fifty-year-old, tried and proven remedy has the unique faculty of creating new and abundant supplies of rich pure blood, it has proved a real boon to thousands of middle-aged men all over the world. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills bring back the energy and vigour of youth because they

REJUVENATE THE BLOOD-STREAM.

All Chemists Can Supply You. Nothing else will do.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, On demand	1/27/8
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Bank, 4 months' sight	1/3
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/4 1/8
Documentary, 4 months sight	1/4 1/4
On Paris—	
On demand	595
Credits, 4 months' sight	650
On Berlin—	
On demand	Nom.
On New York—	
On demand	23½
Credits, 60 days' sight	25
On Bombay—	
Wire	82 5/8
On ddemand	82 5/8
On Calcutta—	
Wire	82 5/8
On demand	82 5/8
On Singapore—	
On demand	53 5/8
On Manila—	
On demand	47
On Shanghai—	
On demand	$74
Dollar	3% dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	70
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/37/8
Silver (per oz.)	17 3/8
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Nom.
Copper Cash	Nom.
Copper Cents	1% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3½% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	29¼% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

	Rugby, Yesterday.
Paris	96 7/16
New York	3.80
Montreal	4.21½
Brussels	27.10
Geneva	19.50
Amsterdam	9.37½
Milan	73 3/8
Berlin	16
Stockholm	18 9/16
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	19 1/16
Vienna	32 nom.
Prague	128¼
Helsingfors	215
Madrid	49 7/8
Lisbon	110
Athens	295
Bucharest	635
Rio	4 1/16
Buenos Aires	37¼
Montevideo	29 nom.
Bombay	1/6 1/32
Shanghai	1/8½
Hong Kong	1/3 5/16
Yokohama	1/9¼
Silver Spot	17 3/8
Silver Forward	17 3/8

—British Wireless Service.

THE GIRL WHO DARED.

Beach Pyjamas in Divorce Court.

An attendant at the Divorce Court in Sydney had a shock the other day when a girl appeared at the entrance to the public gallery arrayed in a suit of dark blue beach pyjamas.

"You—you can't go in there!" stammered the attendant.

"There's room isn't there?" inquired the girl innocently.

"Yes—but——" The official thoughtfully surveyed the dainty figure in front of him for a second or two, and then capitulated. He stood aside and allowed the beach girl into the gallery, where her appearance created a sensation.

The girl said in reply to curious inquiries that she had made the suit herself, and wore it when horse riding and even to go to church in. And she didn't see any harm in wearing it in the Divorce Court.

"There's too much convention in Australia," she added. "And, damn convention."

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations, April 5, 1932.

NEXT SETTLEMENT DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1932.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nom.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid	
Banks.							
Hong Kong Bank .....$	1495	...	1490	1500	Dec.	Final $3 at 1/5=$41-74 making $9 for 1931	Feb. 22, 32
,, (Lon. Reg.)...£	...	...	...	109½			
Chartered Bank .....£	...	...	...	12	Dec.	Fin. 7/- Sub. to 1/Tax a/c 1931	Pending
Mercantile Bk., A&B, £	...	...	...	20			
,, C. £	...	...	...	7½	Dec.	Int. 7% a/c 1931 less 1/Tax	Sep. 8, 31
Bank of Asia .....$	...	...	...	115	Dec.	$8 for 1931	Mar. 2', 32
Amer. C. Fin. Corp.M$	...	...	...	20	Dec.		
Insurances.							
Canton Ins. .....$	...	...	...	1230	Dec.	Fin. $72 bon. $10 for 1929 / Interim $18 a/c 1930 / Final 10/- for 1929 / Interim 24/- a/c 1930 = $60 = $12	May 19, 3 / May 29, 31
China Underwriters...$	...	...	...	4	Dec.	None	
China Fire Ins. .....$	...	...	...	690	Dec.	Final $9 bonus $6 / And $11 for 1929 / Interim $3 a/c 1930 = $32	May 29, 31
H. K. Fire Ins. .....$	...	...	...	1195	Dec.	$50 and bonus $5 making $55 for 1930	Mar. 30, 32
International Assce. Tls.	...	...	...	4	...		...
Shipping.							
Douglases .....$	...	...	...	27	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	...
H. K. Steamboats ...$	...	...	...	28	Dec.	Last dividend for 1920	...
Indo-China (Pref.) ...$	...	...	...	45	Dec.	12½ on, 2½ on preferred for 1924 and 1925	June 19, 29
,, (Def.) ...$	...	...	...	22		Last dividend for 19.2	
Shells Bearer .....s/-	...	...	...	38/9	Dec.	Final 1/6 Coupon No. 58 free 1/Tax a/c 1930	July 6, 31
Union Waterboats ...$	...	...	...	19½	Dec	90 cents for 1931	Mar. 30, 32
Mining.							
Benguets .....$	12½	...	...	...	Dec.	Fourth Int. 20 centavos/c1931	Dec. 19, 31
Kailan Mining Ad. s/-	...	...	...	25/-	June	7½% free 1/Tax C'pon 30 for year 30-6-31	Dec. — 31
Langkats (Single) ...Tls.	...	...	...	4	Oct.	T. 0.50 for year 31-10-29	May 8, 30
S'hai Exploration...Tls.	...	...	...	2.10	Dec.	None	
,, Loans .....Tls.	...	...	...	2	Dec.	Final T. 0.35 making T. 0.60 for 1930	Feb. 6, 31
Raubs .....$	90½	...	...	...	Mar.	2nd Int. 2/- a/c year 31-3-32	Mar. 15, 32
Venezuela Gold Fields $	...	...	...	2	...		
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & K. Wharves..$	141	...	...	...	Dec.	$3 for 1931	Mar. 10, 32
H. K. & W. Docks...$	26	...	22/22½	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1924	
South Ch. Motors (A) $	...	...	...	10	...		
,, ("B")$	...	...	...	12	...		
China Providents (old) $	4.70	...	...	...	Dec.	16 cents on old / 8 cents on new for 1931	Mar. 24, 32
,, (new) $	2½	...	...	...		Interim T. 3 a/c 1931	
Hongkews .....Tls.	...	...	...	220	Dec.	T. 0.25 for 1931	Oct. 2, 31
N. Engineerings ...Tls.	...	...	...	6½	Dec.	T. 8 for year 30-4-31	Mar. 8, 32
Shanghai Docks ...Tls.	...	...	...	90½	Apr.		July 29, 31
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.							
H. & S. Hotels (C.R.)$	18½	...	...	...			
,, (Rights)$	2½	...	...	...			
H.K. Lands .....$	77	...	...	...	Dec.	65 cts. (old) 75 cts. (new) for 1931	Mar. 18, 32
Shanghai Lands ...Tls.	...	...	...	...	Dec.	Final $2 making $4 for 1931	Feb. 16, 32
Humphreys .....$	...	...	...	27	Dec.	Final T/- 0.30 bonus T/- 0.30 and T/- 0.75 for 1931	Pending
Metropolitan Lands Tls.	...	...	...	18	...	$1.20 on old / 80 cents on new for 1931	Feb. 29, 32
H. K. Realties .....$	...	...	10.90	...	Dec.		
Asia Realties "A" ...M$	...	...	...	160	Dec.	Fin. 30 cts. mak. 60 cts. for 1931	Mar. 2, 32
,, "B" ...M$	...	...	...	80			
Chinese Estates .....$	95	...	...	...	Feb.	Interim $3 a/c year 29-2-32	Jan. 30, 32
Cotton Mills.							
Ewo Cottons .....Tls	14.65	...	...	...	Dec.	T. 1.80 for 1931	Pending
Shanghai Cotton...Tls.	...	...	...	75	Apr. and Oct.	T. 3-25 for half year 31-10-31	Dec. — 31
Zoong Sings .....Tls.	...	...	...	11½	June	T. 0-30 for year 30-6-31	Oct. 8, 31
Public Utilities.							
H. K. Tramways ...$	21.10	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 6 cts. making $1 for 1931	Feb. 17, 32
Peak Trams (old) ...$	...	...	...	15.80	Apr.	30 cts. on old / 40 cts on new for year 30-4-31	June 15, 31
,, (new) ...$	...	...	...	8		$5 for 1931	Feb. 11, 32
Star Ferries .....$	...	...	...	93½	Dec.	$1.50 for 1930	June 28, 31
Yaumati Ferries .....$	...	...	...	37	Dec.	50 cts. for year 30-9-31	Dec. 31, 31
China Light (old) ...$	...	...	...	21	Sept.	$2.50 for 1931	Mar. 28, 32
,, (new) ...$	...	...	...	20½			
H. K. Electrics .....$	72½	...	...	...	Dec.	None	
Macao ,, ...$	...	...	...	24½	Dec.	Final 2% making 10% for 1931	Mar. 9, 32
Sandakan Lights ....$	...	...	...	12	June	T. 0.90 for 1929	Feb. 25, 30
H.K. Tels. fully paid $	...	...	...	41	Dec.	1½% on preference shares / Subject to income tax	Feb. 6, 32
,, part paid $	...	...	...	24			
China Buses .....Tls.	...	...	...	16	Dec.	T. 0.90 for 1929	Feb. 25, 30
S'pore Tractions (Ord.)s/-	...	...	...	8/-	Sept.		
,, (Pref.)s/-	...	...	...	14/-			
Industrials.							
Malabon Sugars .....$	...	21	...	...	Dec.	Rs. 4.50 for 1930	Mar. 4, 31
Cald: Macg. Ord....Tls.	...	...	...	14	Dec.	T. 1 / T. 0.80 for 1930	Mar. 27, 31
,, Pref....Tls.	...	...	...	10½			
Canton Ices .....$	...	...	...	5½	July	20 cents for year 31-7-31	Oct. 9, 31
Cements (com.) .....$	18.10	...	...	...			
,, (old) .....$	...	...	...	22.55	Dec.	45 cents on old / 65 cents on new for 1931	Mar. 31, 32
,, (new) .....$	...	...	...	6.45			
H. K. Ropes .....$	...	17	...	...	Dec.	35 cts. bonus 15 cts. mk. $1 for 1931	Pending
China Agriculture.....$	...	...	...	10½	...		
Stores, &c.							
Dairy Farms .....$	...	...	...	28½	Dec.	$1.75 for 1931	Mar. 2, 32
Watsons .....$	15½	...	...	...	Oct.	75 cents for year 31-10-30	Mar. 16, 31
,, (Rights) $	9½	...	...	...			
Der A Wings .....$	...	...	...	1	...		
Lane Crawfords (old)...$	...	...	...	5½	Feb.	Last dividend for year 28-2-28	
,, (new)$	...	...	...	6½			
Mackintoshs .....$	...	...	...	19	Feb.	$2 for year 28-2-31	Apr. 30, 31
Sinceres .....$	...	...	...	15½	...		
Wm. Powells .....$	...	...	...	3.55	Feb.	20 cents or year 28-2-31	June 17, 31
Miscellaneous.							
H.K. Amusements ..$	21	...	...	...	Mar.	$2.50 for year 31-3-31	Sept. 30, 31
Ch. Entertainment ...$	...	...	...	14.90	...	60 cents for 1931	Mar. 28, 32
S. C. Enterprises ...$	...	10	...	...	...		
United Theatres ....Tls.	5	...	...	...	...		
Macao "Greybounds" $	...	...	...	10	...		
Constructions (Old) ...$	...	...	...	6.35			
,, (New) ...$	1.85	...	1.90	...	Dec.	40 cents on old / 14 cents on new for 1931	Apr. 6, 32
B. Ind. G.$ Bonds ...$	...	...	...	58%	...		
H.K. Govt. Loans ....$	3½%	4½%	Pres.	...	...	Interest half yearly	...

FOURTH ESCAPE OF MAD TRAPPER.

Vanished Into Arctic Twilight.

TRACKERS HANDICAPPED.

Albert Johnson, the mad trapper, has again eluded his pursuers and faded into Arctic twilight among the rolling hills near Rat River, 80 miles west of Aklavik (Alberta).

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police patrol are now following Johnson's trail, confident that they will get their man, though handicapped by the short Arctic daylight.

Johnson's first encounter with the police was on December 31, when he shot and wounded Constable King. He withstood a 15 hours' siege of his dugout on January 10: and a fortnight later, when surrounded by a police patrol, 30 miles up Rat River, he shot dead Constable Millen and escaped.

On February 3 Captain May left McMurray with an aeroplane, ammunition, and tear-gas bombs to join the hunt.

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KAMO MARU ..... Saturday, 23rd April.
KITANO MARU ..... Saturday. 28th May.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
† TOKIWA MARU ..... Tuesday, 12th April.
† CALCUTTA MARU ..... Friday. 29th April.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.
GINYO MARU ..... Tuesday, 19th April.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Peraeus, Genoa, & Valencia.
† LIMA MARU ..... Thursday, 14th April.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
† HAKODATE MARU ..... Friday, 8th April.
† MORIOKA MARU ..... Friday, 15th April.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
FUSHIMI MARU ..... Saturday, 16th April.
RANGOON MARU (calls Moji) .... Wednesday, 20th April.
KITANO MARU (calls Nagasaki) .. Friday, 22nd April.

† Cargo only.

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Rio de Janeiro Maru	Sat.,	23rd Apr.
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPETOWN THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo	Arabia Maru	Tues.,	5th Apr.
	Manila Maru	Fri.,	7th May
MELBOURNE via Brisbane & Sydney	Brisbane Maru	Tues.,	5th Apr.
	Melbourne Maru	Wed.,	5th May
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Honolulu Maru	Fri.,	8th Apr.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Alaska Maru	Sun.,	10th Apr.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.			
KARACHI & BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham & Colombo ..	Bandai Maru	Tues.,	5th Apr.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Havana Maru	Wed.,	20th Apr.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Hozan Maru	Sun.,	17th Apr.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung	Panama Maru	Fri.,	8th Apr.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Noon)	Deli Maru	Thurs., (12 noon.)	7th Apr.

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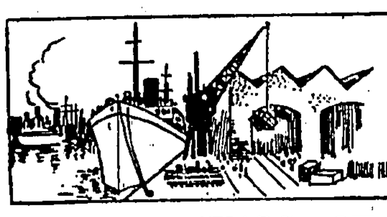


Shipping Intelligence.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS

Friday, April 1.

Hua Sheng, Chinese str., 264 tons, Capt. Kam Tsun Chan, from Swatow, Shumshuipo Anchorage.—Pak Wo Cheong.

Saturday, April 2.

Antenor, British str., 6,809 tons, Capt. R. J. Woodgett, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

C. Henri Riviere, French str., 1,385 tons, Capt. P. B. Morganti, from Canton, buoy No. A5.—Sing Kee.

Daviken, Norwegian str., 1,778 tons, Capt. G. Svane, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Deli Maru, Japanese str., E. Sanada, from Swatow, buoy No. B24.—O. S. K.

Hai Hing, Norwegian str., 1,445 tons, Capt. Olaf S. Olsen, from Hoihow, buoy No. B10.—Thoresen & Co.

Haldis, British str., 1,144 tons, Capt. W. Lee, from Saigon, buoy No. B11.—Wo Fat Sing.

Havre Maru, Japanese str., 3,450 tons, Capt. J. Stow, from Sakito, buoy No. A3.—O. S. K.

Hosang, British str., 3,293 tons, Capt. T. Grant, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.

Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. P. W. Grierson, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On & Co.

Java, Danish str., 5,525 tons, Capt. Mouritzen, from Shanghai, buoy No. A6.—John Manners & Co.

Leverkusen, German str., 4,363 tons, Capt. R. Kohler, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Jebsen & Co.

Nellore, British str., 4,256 tons, Capt. F. R. Miller, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.

Pres. Harrison, American str., 6,242 tons, Capt. D. C. Austin, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S. S. Line.

Soochow, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. H. Gifford, from Canton, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.

Suwa Maru, Japanese str., 6,637 tons, Capt. S. Enya, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N. Y. K.

Sungshan Maru, Japanese str., 1,503 tons, Capt. M. Yamamoto, from Canton, Yaumati Anchorage.—N.Y.K.

Tinhow, British str., 3,164 tons, Capt. A. Scobie, from Singapore, buoy No. A4.—Kwong Nam & Co.

Tjisaroea, Dutch str., 4,394 tons, Capt. H. de Jonge, from Manila, buoy No. A8.—J.C.J.L.

Tsinan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Canton, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Sunday, April 3.

Biodd, Norwegian str., 1,248 tons, Capt. P. Rasmussen, from Port Wallut, Yaumati Anchorage.—K. Larsen & Co.

Chipshing, British str., 1,199 tons, Capt. J. H. Ferguson, from Canton, buoy No. B1.—J. M. & Co.

Feng Lee, Chinese str., 998 tons, Capt. Y. Yamaji, from Canton, buoy No. B8.—Loong Tai Hong.

Foo Lee, Chinese str., 859 tons, Capt. M. Tanida, from Amoy, buoy No. C2.—Shun Tai Hong.

Hai Ning, British str., 832 tons, Capt. E. Walker, from Swatow, Douglas Lapraik.—Douglas & Co.

Hellas, Norwegian str., 1,117 tons, Capt. J. Davidson, from Swatow, buoy No. B17.—Thoresen & Co.

Lematang, Dutch str., 1,476 tons, Capt. G. J. J. Westers, from Whampoa, Yaumati Anchorage.—J.C.J.L.

Lyeemoon, British str., 1,734 tons, Capt. E. Holmes, from Swatow, buoy No. B28.—Kwong Nam & Co.

Malaya, Danish str., 5,512 tons, Capt. H. K. Christensen, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—John Manners & Co.

Prosper, Norwegian str., 1,877 tons, Capt. E. D. Knutsen, from Swatow, buoy No. B16.—Lee Hong Heng.

Suiyang, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. Byrne, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Sunday, April 3.

Benwyvis, British str., 5,920 tons, Capt. H. J. Small, from Singapore, Naval 5.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Dorry, Chinese str., 1,083 tons, Capt. J. Bruhn, from Macao, Shumshuipo Anchorage.—Chau Yue Teng.

Gange, Italian str., 6,752 tons, Capt. G. Camelli, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—Dodwell & Co.

Hongkheng, British str., 3,975 tons, Capt. D. M. Hood, from Singapore, buoy No. A9.—Ho Thong & Co.

Kiangsu, British str., 1,555 tons, Capt. N. Hardie, from Swatow, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Taiyuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. T. Hodge, from Amoy, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Tjisalak, Dutch str., 3,613 tons, Capt. J. Naerebout, from Amoy, buoy No. A6.—J.C.J.L.

Tsang Woo, Chinese str., 1,049 tons, Capt. Eiuarsen, from Saigon, buoy No. B10.—Nam Tai Loong.

Wing Lee, British str., 650 tons, Capt. J. E. Harvey, from Fort-Bayard, Saikong Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.

Wong Shek Kung, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. A. Laihovetsky, from Saigon, buoy No. B12.—Hing Lee.

Monday, April 4.

Akita Maru, Japanese str., 2,315 tons, Captain M. Satoh, from Singapore, buoy No. A7.—N.Y.K.

Chenan, British str., 1,365 tons; Capt. R. Turnbull, from Amoy, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.

Clara Jebsen, Danish str., 1,145 tons, Capt. K. Dahl, from Saigon, buoy No. B18.—Yuen On & Co.

Mogami Maru, Japanese str., 1,330 tons, Captain Y. Shinya, from Anping, buoy No. B27.—Y. Sato & Co.

Sauerland, German str., 4,194 tons, Capt. Metzenthin, from Shanghai, buoy No. A1.—Jebsen & Co.

Shogen Maru, Japanese str., 3,386 tons, Capt. K. Oshima, from Miike, buoy No. B24.—Y.K.K.

Tymeric, British str., 3,178 tons, Capt. S. Fox, from Calcutta, buoy No. B29.—Bank Line.

CLEARANCES.

Saturday, April 2.

Borneo, for Saigon.
Burdwan, for Singapore.
Canton, for Halphong.
Chung Kong, for Tourane.
Franconia, for Keelung.
Hai Hing, for Amoy.
Havre, for Singapore.
Java, for Singapore.
Kashima Maru, for London.
Lematang, for Bercoe.
Nagara, for Moji.
Nankin, for Manila.
Pres. Madison, for Shanghai.
Pronto, for Saigon.
Si Kiang, for Shanghai.
Sungshan Maru, for Swatow.
Suwa Maru, for Kobe.
Tjikarang, for Amoy.
Tsinan, for Shanghai.
Turbo, for Miri.
Yuan On, for Swatow.

Sunday, April 3.

Antenor, for Shanghai.
C. Henri Riviere, for Hoihow.
Cape St. Columba, for Whampoa.
Deli Maru, for Canton.
Ganges, for Shanghai.
Hosang, for Amoy.
Hozan Haru, for Swatow.
Kalgan, for Swatow.
Kwaisang, for Swatow.
Leverkusen, for Shanghai.
Pres. Harrison, for Manila.
Soochow, for Swatow.
Somali, for Shanghai.
Suiyang, for Canton.
Sunkong, for K.C. Wan.
Talma, for Singapore.
Tinhow, for Swatow.

Monday, April 4.

Akita Maru, for Moji.
Biodd, for Whampoa.
Chenan, for Canton.
Chipshing, for Swatow.
Feng Lee, for Tientsin.
Foo Lee, for Canton.
Haldis, for Saigon.
Hongkheng, for Swatow.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Kittawa, for Canton.
Lyeemoon, for Singapore.
Nellore, for Moji.
Sauerland, for Manila.
Shogen Maru, for Singapore.
Taiyuan, for Canton.

TRAGEDY AT SEA.

Drowned Man's Body Landed.

FROM S.S. PRES. HOOVER.

With the arrival of the Dollar liner President Hoover, which berthed at the Kowloon Wharf yesterday afternoon, came the story of a tragedy at sea.

It transpires that on March 16, when th ship was two days out from California, U.S.A., a Chinese male, Tam Cheung, jumped overboard and was drowned.

The body, which was recovered, embalmed, and placed in a coffin, was taken to the Kowloon Mortuary by the Water Police last night.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bruce—South wall.
Cumberland—North arm.
Devonshire—No. 6 buoy.
Herald—No. 7 buoy.
Hermes—West wall.
Marazion—South wall.
Medway and Submarines—No. 2 buoy.
Orpheus—East wall.
Proteus—East wall.
Tamar—Basin.
Tarantula—In dock.
Whitehall—In dock.

Foreign Men-of-War.

Chiang Ku—Chinese gunboat.
Helena—American river gunboat.
Mindanao—American river gunboat.
On Pak—Chinese gunboat.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. Benvorlich are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after April 6.

Consignees of cargo ex m.v. Gange are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after April 9.

Consignees of cargo ex m.v. Malaya are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after April 9.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. Benwyvis are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after April 11.

PASSENGERS FOR HONG KONG BY THE S.S. PRES. HOOVER.

The s.s. President Hoover arrived in Hong Kong yesterday afternoon from New York via San Francisco and Honolulu. This is the third voyage of the new liner to the Orient. A large list of passengers was aboard among whom were the following for Hong Kong:—

Mr. Benjamine K. Wong, Dean of the Shanghai Dental College on a holiday to Hong Kong.

Mr. Auscust Brostedt, Asiatic Traffic Manager for the Canadian National Railways en route to Hong Kong to resume his duties here.

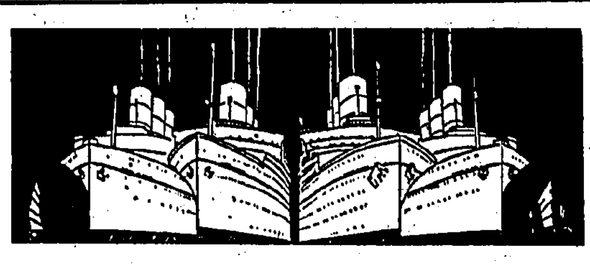
Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hill en route to Hong Kong to resume his duties with the National City Bank of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have been on a vacation to the United States.

Dr. George W. McKean, prominent dentist of San Francisco, on a vacation to Central and Southern China.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shannon, formerly of Manila where Mr. Shannon was connected with the Standard Oil Company, returning to the Orient after a holiday in the United States. Mr. Shannon has recently been transferred from Manila to Hong Kong where he will assume his new duties.

The s.s. President Hoover leaves to-day for Manila.

Whilst working on H.M.S. Hermes, at the Naval Dockyard, a fitter, Yu Chiu (56), accidentally fell from the side of the ship to the bottom of the dry dock. He sustained injuries to his spine and right foot, and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.



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Emp. of Canada	Apr. 8	Apr. 11		Apr. 13	Apr. 15	Apr. 21	Apr. 26
Emp. of Russia	Apr. 22	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 30		May 9
Emp. of Japan	May 6	May 9		May 11	May 13	May 19	May 24
Emp. of Asia	May 20	May 23	May 24	May 26	May 28	June 4	June 10
Emp. of Canada	June 3	June 6		June 8	June 10	June 16	June 21
Emp. of Russia	June 17	June 20	June 21	June 23	June 25		July 4
Emp. of Japan	July 1	July 4		July 6	July 8	July 14	July 19
Emp. of Asia	July 15	July 18	July 19	July 21	July 23		Aug. 1
Emp. of Canada	July 29	Aug. 1		Aug. 3	Aug. 5	Aug. 11	Aug. 16
Emp. of Russia	Aug. 12	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 2
Emp. of Japan	Aug. 26	Aug. 29		Aug. 31	Sept. 2	Sept. 8	Sept. 13
Emp. of Asia	Sept. 9	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 15	Sept. 17		Sept. 26
Emp. of Canada	Sept. 23	Sept. 26		Sept. 28	Sept. 30	Oct. 6	Oct. 11
Emp. of Russia	Oct. 7	Oct. 10	Oct. 11	Oct. 13	Oct. 15		Oct. 24
Emp. of Japan	Oct. 21	Oct. 24		Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Nov. 3	Nov. 8
Emp. of Asia	Nov. 4	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 10	Nov. 12		Nov. 21
Emp. of Canada	Nov. 18	Nov. 21		Nov. 23	Nov. 25	Dec. 1	Dec. 6

HONG KONG — MANILA.

	Leave Hong Kong	Arrive Manila
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 14	Apr. 16

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TAIPING	May 10	May 20	May 23	June 8
CHANGTE	June 10	June 21	June 24	July 10
TAIPING	July 12	July 22	July 25	Aug. 10

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		1932.		
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RAWALPINDI	17,000	23rd	Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	7th	May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡*SOMALI	6,800	14th	May	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st	May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	4th	June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡†*BANGALORE	6,500	11th	June	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDERA	16,000	18th	June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd	July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡†*BHUTAN	6,000	9th	July	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'dam, A'werp & Hull.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th	July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MANTUA	11,000	30th	July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
‡†*SOUDAN	6,800	6th	Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre H'burg, R'terdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	13th	Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	27th	Aug.	Marseilles & London.
MALWA	11,000	10th	Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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		1932.		
TALAMBA	8,000	15th	Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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		1932		
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		1932.		
*ALIPORE	5,800	6th Noon	Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
RANPURA	17,000	7th	Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	7,000	8th	Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st	Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
SIRDHANA	8,000	22nd	Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BANGALORE	6,500	30th	Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANCHI	17,000	5th	May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	5th	May	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TANDA	7,000	6th	May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
NALDERA	16,000	19th	May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BHUTAN	6,000	29th	May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	2nd	June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NANKIN	7,000	6th	June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th	June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOUDAN	6,800	28th	June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.

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Per B.I. s.s. Talma on Sunday:—

Miss D. M. Cowan, Mr. E. Wallinius, Mrs. Lafrenais, Mr. K. Irsardas, Mr. G. C. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Cunliffe.

REIGN OF TERROR IN MEDITERRANEAN.

German Submarine Commander.

Capt. Lothar von Arnauld de la Periere, who recently retired from the German Navy, was the doughtiest foe we had in the war. As a submarine captain he established a veritable reign of terror in the Mediterranean.

In those waters and in the Atlantic he claimed to have sunk 500,000 tons of shipping, and this total, I understand, is accepted by the Admiralty. Von Arnauld, however, was a chivalrous fighter, and in spite of the havoc he wrought his name never figured on our "black list."

When I saw him in Germany a few years ago he was in command of the new cruiser Emden. He was regarded as the best all-round seaman in the Reichsmarine.

There is a legend that his father was a French officer, who was captured in the war of 1870, but this is incorrect. Von Arnauld comes of a French Huguenot family which sought refuge in Germany after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. The redoubtable Lothar was born at Posen and is now in his 46th year.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be *added* to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be *subtracted* from the depths.

April 5 to 11, 1932.

Date		High Water Standard Ht. Times.			Low Water Standard Ht. Times.		
	April	H.	M.	F.	H.	M.	F.
Tues.	5 ..	09	44	5.6	03	00	1.7
		21	29	6.1	15	00	2.2
Wed.	6 ..	10	04	6.0	03	20	1.9
		22	05	5.7	15	39	1.9
Thurs.	7 ..	10	21	6.0	03	44	2.1
		22	40	5.3	16	16	1.7
Fri.	8 ..	10	40	6.0	04	02	2.3
		23	16	4.7	16	55	1.6
Sat.	9 ..	10	56	6.1	04	20	2.6
		23	56	4.3	17	40	1.5
Sun.	10 ..	11	15	6.2	04	30	2.8
		—	—	—	18	29	1.4
Mon.	11 ..	00	42	3.8	04	40	2.9
		11	39	6.3	19	29	1.5

CONSIGNEES.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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From TRIESTE, VENICE, BRINDISI, PORT SAID, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 18th instant or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th inst. at 10 a.m. by our surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

In the case of dutiable cargo, Consignees are requested to inform the Imports & Exports Office that they have such goods for examination.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 2nd April, 1932.

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD., COPENHAGEN.

The Motor Vessel,

"MALAYA"

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Gedown Co., Ltd., where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 9th April, 1932, at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on the 8th April, 1932, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Undersigned before the 12th April, 1932, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th April, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 25th April, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th April, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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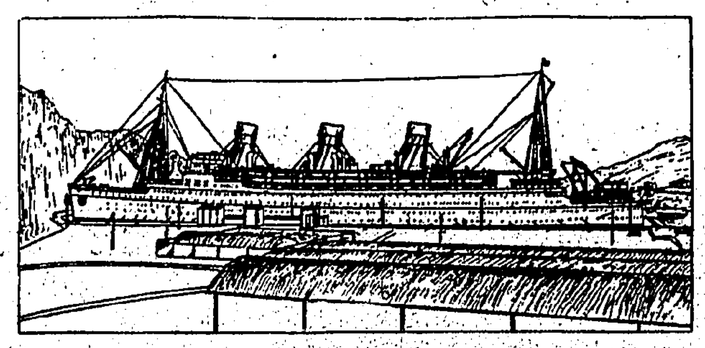

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TAI MING	SUN. 10th	TUES. 12th	WED. 13th	THURS. 14th
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TAI HING	MON. 18th	WED. 20th	THURS. 21st	FRI. 22nd
TAI MING	WED. 20th	FRI. 22nd	SAT. 23rd	SUN. 24th
TAI HING	SAT. 23rd	MON. 25th	TUES. 26th	WED. 27th
TAI MING	MON. 25th	WED. 27th	THURS. 28th	FRI. 29th
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RADIO TOPICS.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

6-8 p.m.—European Programme of Victor & H.M.V. Records.
6-6.50 p.m.—A Concert.
Orchestral—
Nola (Andt),
The Glow-Worm—Idyl (Lincke),
Victor Salon Orchestra (19758).

Song—
The Wren (Benedict),
Orpheus with His Lute (Sullivan),
Mavis Bennett (Soprano) (B2762).

Piano Solo—
Impromptu in A Flat (Chopin),
(a) Flirtations in a Chinese Garden,
(b) Rush Hour in Hong Kong, (Chasins),
Benno Moiseivitch (D1217).

Song—
Mattinata (Dawn Tide) (Tosti),
Serenade (Toselli),
Sydney Coltham (Tenor) (B2357).

Organ Solo—
At Dawning (Cadman),
Roses of Picardy (Weatherly-Haydn Wood),
Jesse Crawford (20110).

Song—
I Love the Moon (Rubens),
Jeunesse (Barry),
Walter Glynne (Tenor) (B2761).

Piano Solo—
Fantaisie Impromptu (Chopin),
Irene Scharrer (D1087).

6.50-7 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.
Pearl of Hawaii,
Love Dream of Lula Lu,
Frank Ferera and John Paaluhi (Guitar Duet) (B2315).

Kilima Waltz,
Hawaiian Waltz Medley,
Frank Ferera and John Paaluhi (Guitar Duet) (20131).

7.05-7.45 p.m.—
Rustic Wedding Symphony (Carl Goldmark, Op. 26),
Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Robert Heger (9927-31).

7.45-8 p.m.—Variety.
Humorous Song—
Oh, You Have No Idea,
Gracie Fields (B2795).
Humorous Duologue—
Auto-Suggestion,
Alexander & Moss (B3925).
Vocal Duet—Mausie,
Oscar Denes and Lizzi Waldmuller (B3946).
Humorous Song—
Is it British?
Norman Long (B2580).
8 p.m.—Local Time.
8.03-11.30 p.m.—Relay from Ko Shing Theatre.
11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

TWENTY YEARS OF WIRELESS.

Broadcasts For The Empire.

NEW DAVENTRY STATION.

Twenty years of experiment and achievement in wireless telephony and in broadcasting are now bringing us to the great Empire station at Daventry, which is to be opened by the B.B.C. towards the end of the present year.

It was in 1913, it may be recalled (writes a representative of The Observer), that the Marconi Company were making their early experiments in telephony at Chelmsford.

When war retrictions were removed early in 1919 the Marconi Company came back into the field, and Captain Round spoke from Ballybunion in Ireland to Cape Breton, 1,800 miles distant, using only 2.5 kilowatts, the electrical equivalent of power of the average motor-cycle.

First Organised Broadcast.

The first organised broadcast in England took place from the Marconi Company's experimental station at Chelmsford, under a temporary licence in February, 1920. In the following June Madame Melba, broadcasting from the same station, was heard by experimental workers in wireless in many parts of the Continent, as well as in this country. A subsequent concert was heard at Sultanabad in Persia, and in New York Harbour.

Wireless enthusiasts were now becoming insistent for official recognition, and in March 1921, responding to representations from the Radio Society of Great Britain, the Post ffice licensed a small broadcasting plant of 100 watts to transmit from one of the Marconi research stations at Writtle, near Chelmsford Captain P. P. Eckersley, who afterwards became chief engineer of the B.B.C., was in charge of this station.

General public interest in broadcasting was now growing, and in 1922 the movement was started which resulted in the formation of the B.B.C. and regular broadcasting stations.

Empire Programmes.

The material sent to the Empire has usually been one of the ordinary programmes, except for the omission of news. At some time or another it has been heard practically in all parts of the world, and at suitable times the reception has been distinctly good. It should be a great deal better when the new station at Daventry, with its eleven directional aerials and six non-directional aerials is opened, for these aerials will transmit to various sections of the Empire the best possible programme on different wave-length, the system giving a choice of wave-length which is most suitable for the hour and for the country.

In considering the extent and nature of the demand for an Empire service, it has been accepted that a programme to be really useful to overseas listeners must reach them in their evenings. Canada, for example, will require a programme originated here in the "small hours," and Australia and New Zealand one originated in the morning.

The programmes to be transmitted from the new station will include the news bulletins now being sent out three times a day from Chelmsford, together with such outstanding events as Armistice Day and other ceremonies of Empire, and the Derby, Boat Race, and other great sporting events of the year.

WHEN DOES ONE GROW OLD.

When does a man begin to feel old? Certainly not at 78 in the opinion of Mr. Justice McCardie, who told a jury at Norfolk Assizes that some men are in the prime of physcial and mental activity at this age.

Nor, judging by the famous physician and neurologist, Sir James Crichton-Browne, is a man old at 92.

"When is a man old?" echoed Sir James, who is in his 92nd year, in answer to a question by a reporter. "I am afraid I can't tell you. You see I have resolved never to speak on the subject of old age as I have not had any experience of it!"

Dame Henrietta Barnett who at 81 is just as "young" and active as ever was, also declines to recognise such a thing as old age.

A Recipe.

Here is her recipe for keeping young.

"I get up at 5.30 every morning;
"I work very hard;
"I eat very little;
"I read the newspapers carefully every day; and
"I say my prayers very often."

Prebendary Carlile, founder of the Church Army, who at 85 still puts in a good day's work every day of his life and who frequently leaps off the bus without waiting for it to stop, believes a man "rusts" out much quicker than he wears out.

A well-known psychologist, discussing the question, said that not only had the expectation of life increased tremendously during the last 50 years, but people over 60 to-day were much younger mentally than their ancestors were at that age.

They Do Not Recognise It.

"This was even more the case with the women. Why, I have a photograph of my grandmother taken when she was only 32. It shows her wearing a long voluminous black silk dress and a black lace cap! Compared with a woman of to-day, she looks quite seventy in the photograph.

"All of which goes to show the truth of that old saying, 'A man is as old as he feels.' No truer word was ever spoken.

"Modern men and women simply do not recognsie old age, and therefore they never grow old.

"Instead of taking a back seat as our grandmothers used to do, modern mothers share their daughters' interests, and play the same games. I know one woman of more than 60 who will undertake to beat her two daughters at tennis any day except on Sunday, when she is busy beating her husband on the golf course."

HE DIDN'T LIKE THE SERGEANT.

Why A Soldier Left The Barracks.

One fine day fifteen months ago Private William George Spencer, of the Royal Army Service Corps, stationed at Aldershot, quit the service, without leave.

The other day Private William George returned to Aldershot, said he had come from Norwich, and wished to surrender himself.

He was charged, at a court-martial, with desertion.

"Why did you desert?" he was asked.

"Because I couldn't get on with the sergeant-major," he replied.

Next Question: "Why did you stay away so long?"

Answer: "I was waiting for the sergeant-major to be moved."

Private William George was found guilty. Sentence was promulgated.

STEALING THE EVIDENCE.

Then the Pickpocket Forgot to Get Rid Of It.

A secret police agent riding in a tramcar in Alexandria (Egypt) discovered that his wallet was missing.

He immediately arrested a man sitting next to him, wrote a report for his chief, and then took his charge to a police station.

At the police station the agent plunged his hand into his pocket for his report of the theft. But it was gone.

The report was found in the pocket of the arrested man, who was later identified as a notorious pickpocket.

KING'S SON'S CLAIM.

A penniless pretender to the throne of Abyssinia applied for relief to the magistrate of Paarl, Cape Province, says a Capetown message.

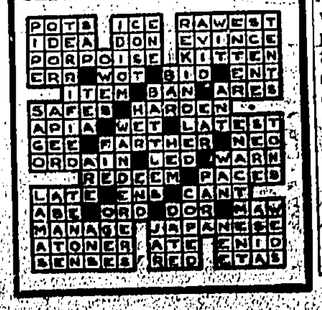
The applicant, speaking with a cultured English voice, claimed that he was "Prince Jegreffa Zaranie, eldest son of the late King Menelik of Ethiopia."

He claims to have taken part in the attack on Khartum in the Dervish campaign, when General Gordon was slain. Arrested by the Portuguese on a murder charge, Zaranie was pardoned by the late Earl Kitchener, who sent him to the Cape.

Later he served in the Boer War, since when he has filled humble positions. He says that he is now too old to worry about kingly crowns.

Boy—"Please, teacher, what did I learn to-day?" Teacher—"That's a peculiar question." Boy — "Well, they'll ask me when I get home."

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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Beef Sirloin	牛肉	lb.	34	24	12
„ Prime Cut		„	30	23	11
„ Corned	鹹牛肉	„	40	23	12
„ Roast	燒牛肉	„	34	24	22
„ Breast	牛腩肉	„	32	20	18
„ Soup	湯牛肉	„	28	20	18
„ Steak	牛扒	„	34	24	22
„ Steak Sirloin	牛柳扒	„	46	30	35
„ Sausages	牛腸	„	36	26	20
BuHock's Brains	牛腦	per set	17	10	12
„ Tongue, fresh	牛脷	each	80	50	60
„ Tongue, corned	鹹牛脷	„	1.00	60	—
„ Head	牛頭	„	1.60	—	$1.20
„ Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
„ Hump, Salt	牛肚	„	—	20	18
„ Feet	牛腳	each	12	10	12
„ Kidneys	牛腰	„	15	10	12
„ Tail	牛尾	„	27	20	22
„ Liver	牛肝	lb.	26	18	14
„ Tripe	牛肚	„	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭腳	set	$1.50	$1.00	$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊排	lb.	60	26	—
„ Leg	羊腿	„	60	26	—
„ Shoulder	羊手	„	60	24	—
„ Saddle	羊鞍	„	60	—	—
Pig's Chitlings	豬腸	„	30	27	—
„ Brains	豬腦	Per set	4	—	—
„ Feet	豬腳	lb.	16	15	—
„ Fry	豬什碎	„	30	15	18
„ Head	豬頭	„	20	20	—
„ Heart	豬心	each	18	10	10
„ Kidneys	豬腰	„	15	10	8
„ Liver	豬肝	lb.	58	30	24
Pork Chop	排骨	„	38	25	23
„ Leg	豬後腿	„	40	—	—
„ Loin	豬腰肉	„	44	60	70
„ Fat or Lard	豬油	„	25	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭腳	per set	90	60	70
„ Heart	羊心	each	12	8	7
„ Kidneys	羊腰	„	15	12	10
„ Liver	羊肝	„	45	26	25
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳豬	lb.	25	15	12
Suet, Beef	牛羊仔	„	34	20	18
„ Mutton	羊仔仔	„	55	26	26
Veal	牛仔	„	45	20	20
„ Sausages		„	38	—	—
„ „ No. 1		„	38	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鯇魚	lb.	52	16	24
Bream	鯛魚	„	32	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish	省河淡水魚	„	32	—	—
Carp	鯉魚	„	34	13	16
Catfish	鯰魚	„	32	16	27
Codfish	鱈魚	„	30	12	9
Crabs	蟹	„	58	16	24
Cuttle Fish	魷	„	22	23	26
Dab		„	26	16	27
Dace	鯇沙魚	„	48	23	16
Dog Fish	鯊魚	„	20	10	—
Eels, Conger	鰻鱔	„	68	10	8
„ Fresh Water	田鰻	„	76	16	—
„ Yellow	黃鱔	„	52	10	8
Frogs	石蛙	„	1.00	26	30
Garoupa	鰵魚	„	90	32	25
Gudgeon	鯊魚	„	22	40	30
Herrings	白鯧	„	26	22	18
Halibut	鰈魚	„	36	18	23
Labrus	青衣	„	35	18	15
Loach	鰍魚	„	36	22	13
Lobsters	龍蝦	„	60	62	24
Mackerel	青衣	„	44	32	21
Monk Fish	鮟鱇	„	46	20	20
Mullet	烏頭	„	36	13	2
Oysters	蠔豉	„	45	12	2
Parrot Fish	鸚哥魚	„	26	14	9
Perch	鱸魚	„	26	30	15
Pike	花鱖	„	42	16	9
Plaice	比目魚	„	50	36	29
Pomfret, White	白鯧	„	62	33	30
Pomfret, Black	黑鯧	„	48	36	45
Prawns	蝦	„	38	10	14
Ray	雪魚	„	24	10	14
Rock Fish	石斑魚	„	26	13	13
Roach	鯽魚	„	33	22	10
Salmon	鮭魚	„	64	36	30
Shark	沙魚	„	20	8	10
Skate	魟魚	„	20	10	10
Shrimps	蝦米	„	68	33	30
Snapper	鯛魚	„	46	33	30
Soles	龍利	„	50	22	28
Tench	鯉魚	„	42	20	38
Turbot	左口魚	„	40	12	12
Turtles, small fr. water	細水龜	„	1.55	12	12

Poultry.

			Mar. 31, 1932. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	62	30	31
Capons, Small	線雞	„	62	28	30
Capons, Large	肥線雞	„	64	28	30
Duck	鴨	„	45	22	21
Doves	鴿	each	—	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	88	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	„	40	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	72	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	„	58	35	24
Geese	鵝	„	50	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	50	30	—
„ Hothow	湖口鴿	„	44	29	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	lb.	80	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	„	70	61	45
Snipe	沙鷸	each	30	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	2.50	—	—
Quail	鵪鶉	each	50	—	—
Partridges	鷓鴣	„	1.20	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	1.20	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	„	24	26	—
Bananas (bride's)	紅山香蕉	„	6	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	„	—	12	—
Coconuts	椰子	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	24	25	30
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	12	8	—
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	1.00	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會橙	„	28	—	—
Oranges	橙	„	22	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	„	30	—	—
Peanuts	花生	„	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	„	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	„	—	8	—
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	15	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	30	—	16
Grapes	葡萄子	„	—	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	鶏之竹菜	each	18	—	2
Beans, Sprout	芽豆	lb.	6	—	7
„ Long	長豆角	„	—	—	8
Beet Root	紅菜頭	„	12	—	—
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	„	8	24	—
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	„	8	5	8
„ Red	紅瓜	„	6	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	菜心菜	„	10	—	—
„ (Shanghai)	上海菜	„	12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	蘆筍	„	4	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜花	each	25	—	—
„ (Medium)	中椰菜花	„	20	—	—
„ (Small)	細椰菜花	„	16	6	6
Carrots	金邊參菜	lb.	6	5	6
Celery, Chinese	芹菜	„	12	10	6
Chillies, Dried	辣椒乾	„	18	25	8
„ Red	紅辣椒	„	60	10	10
„ Green	青辣椒	„	30	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	英國材料	„	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	„	—	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	„	6	6	—
Ginger, Young	子薑	„	10	7	—
„ Old	老薑	„	8	20	—
Horseradish, Shanghai		„	60	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	each	8	45	—
Lettuce	萵生菜	lb.	6	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	„	12	—	8
„ Maidenhn.	地林馬蹄	„	14	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草菰	„	—	—	—
Okroes		„	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥頭	„	10	8	8
„ Green	生蔥	„	6	4	6
„ Shanghai	上海蔥頭	„	8	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	„	35	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	„	5	8	—
„ Japanese	日本薯仔	„	—	3	—
„ American	金山薯仔	„	8	3	—
Pumpkin	多瓜	„	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔仔	„	—	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大千菜頭	„	30	—	10
Shallots	葱頭	„	8	—	8
Spinach	菜心菜	„	6	8	—
Tomatoes	番茄	„	12	4	—
Taros	芋頭	„	6	7	—
Turnips, Punti (Long)	白蘿蔔	„	6	6	—
Vegetable Marrow	毛瓜	„	—	4	—
Water Cress	西洋菜	„	15	15	—
Water Lily Root	蓮藕	„	6	15	—

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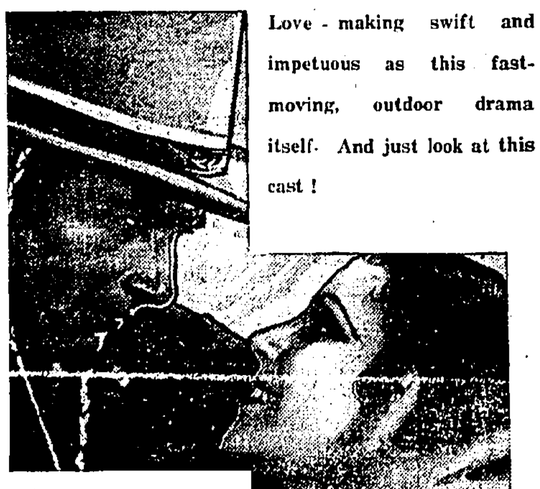

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Theory That Lindbergh Baby Is In England

SCOTLAND YARD APPROACHED.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Yesterday.

Charles Schoeffel, a New Jersey assistant chief of Police, has come to Britain, presumably in connection with the Lindbergh baby kidnapping case, and is proving almost as elusive as the baby itself.

Not only has he slipped invisibly through an enormous squad of newspapermen awaiting his arrival yesterday, but he has evaded the furious dashings hither and thither by journalists in London to-day, and they failed even to catch a glimpse of him.

Scotland Yard, however, officially admits that he has been there and has conversed with Lord Trenchard and other officials. Schoeffel is understood to be travelling northward this afternoon if still undetected.

It is stated that the police are working on the theory that the kidnappers took the child into Canada and there boarded a liner which landed the child in Liverpool.

FOOD TROUBLES IN RUSSIA.

"Supplies' Regulation Committee."

GOVERNMENT MOVE.

Riga, Yesterday.

Increasing food troubles throughout Russia has compelled the Government to organise a "Supplies Regulation Committee," to be headed by Molotov, to take charge of the food supplies, and to see that towns in the rural districts actually receive allotments.

The work of this committee also regulate the exports and the distribution of reserves of food stuffs and manufactures.

It would be empowered to deal drastically with cases of inefficiency among the State organisations.—Reuter.

TO MAKE BRITAIN AIR-MINDED.

National Aviation Day Planned.

SIR ALAN COBHAM'S MOVE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Plans for a National Aviation Day in 170 towns, from Penzance to Inverness, have been prepared by Sir Alan Cobham, the distinguished airman. His campaign to make Britain "air-minded" has the warm support of the Prince of Wales, the Air Ministry, and all the Chief Air Organisations.— British Wireless Service.

THE FORTESCUE TRIAL.

American Stirred by Official Report.

POLITICAL INFLUENCES.

Honolulu, Yesterday.

Armed police guarded the grey-stoned Temple of Justice at the opening of the Fortescue Trial.

At the same time America has been stirred by the issue of a report by the United States Assistant Attorney-General, who has been investigating into the conditions in Honolulu regarding the wild accusations of general lawlessness and wholesale rape which were refuted.

He stated that prohibition was better enforced in Honolulu than in the United States and in this report he adds that the public prosecutor and the police in Honolulu are inefficient and influenced by politics. — Reuter's American Service.

FOG OR RAIN.

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory to-day, states:—

An irregular area of low pressure covers China generally. A depression is indicated over South Manchuria.

Forecast:—Light Southerly or variable winds; cloudy with local fog or rain.

Temperature.

Hong Kong	71
Macao	70
Pratas Island ...	65
Manila	72
Fochow	64
Amoy	68
Swatow	71
Chefoo	40
Shanghai	58

THE ANGLO-FRENCH CONFERENCE.

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interest was at one time or the other discussed during his visit.

Seriousness of Situation.

Rapid and satisfactory progress made in an examination of the Danubian question is mainly attributable to the full realisation that the situation is such that an agreement on measures to be adopted simply must be reached and reached speedily.

To-day's experience convinced ministers of the advantage of such meetings as method of approaching European problems, and it seems probble that similar meetings between statesmen—not necessarily only between those of Britain and France—will be arranged as a means of clearing away some of entanglements which beset Europe.

Haste Is Urged.

The Danubian situation was discussed objectively as an economic problem and, in considering the possible grouping with a view to the exchange of products, at no time was it suggested that any state should be excluded for political reasons only. Four great powers obviously cannot settle the Danubian problem, but it is hoped that as they are so much involved in achieving economic concord in the Danubian States that now with the views of four powers before them they will meet at an early date and reach an effective arrangement.—British Wireless Service.

Naval Disarmament.

Paris, Yesterday.

The scope of the Anglo-French conversations in London, according to the "Temps," is very wide and includes besides the Danubian and Reparations questions the question of naval disarmament, over which an attempt will be made to devise a Franco-Italian agreement.

With regard to tariffs, France will propose the opening of negotiations prior to the Ottawa Conference.—Reuter.

STIFFKEY TRIAL PROCEEDS.

Accused Attends After Preaching 3 Times.

LANDLADIES IN THE DOCK.

(Reuter's Special Service).

London, Yesterday.

After preaching three times yesterday in his parish, Rector Davidson attended the resumed trial wherein he was accused of immoral conduct.

Several London land-ladies from whom the Rector had rented rooms described the Rector's proceedings.

One land-lady declared: I would not admit him, while another stated that she gave the Rector notice. She had put him out because he had young girl visitors to which she objected, and he also owed her £20 for his lodging.

R.A.F. 'PLANES ON CRUISE.

Three Bombers Fly Over Somaliland.

OTHERS BOUND FOR SINGAPORE

Rugby, Yesterday.

Three Royal Air Force Craft of the No. 216 Bomber Squadron, engaged on a Somaliland cruise, have reached Wadihalfi to-day from Atbara.

Three aircraft of the No. 205 Flying Boat Squadron, on a return flight to Singapore from Port Darwin, reached Sourabaya during the week-end. — British Wireless Service.

GEORGE EASTMAN'S FORTUNE.

Bulk of It Left to the Rochester University.

Rochester, New York, Yesterday.

In the will of George Eastman which proved to be $20,000,000 he left the bulk of his fortune to Rochester University. — Reuter's American Service.

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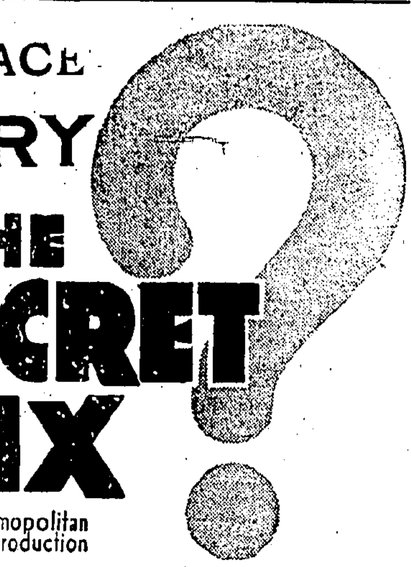

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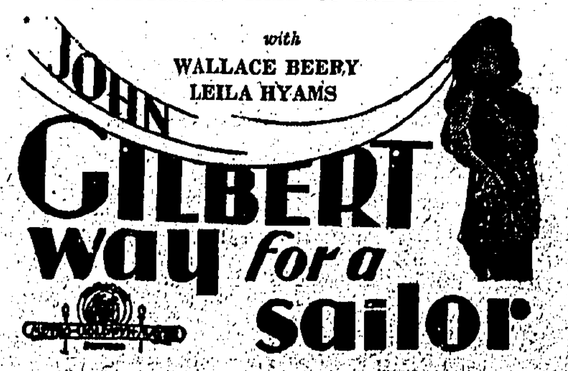

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